

NEWS

Pit bull dropped over shelter fence

A pit bull, believed to be 4 months old, was recently dropped or thrown over the back fence at the AuSable Valley Animal Shelter.

The pup was found in the yard in the morning on Wednesday, Aug. 10.

The back fence at the shelter is a 10-foot drop over chain link and barbed wire, said Cheryl Postma, the director of the AuSable Valley Animal Shelter.

Though the person dropping the puppy may have thought that she would be safe at the shelter, they actually put the puppy in very serious danger, Postma said.

Shelter staff members were unaware that the puppy was there and released a large male dog into that yard and he attacked the puppy. Pg. 7A

SPORTS

GRA ends race series with 7-mile trail run



Grayling Recreation Authority (GRA) finished its 2011 series of foot races with the Hanson Hills Endurance Trail Run on Saturday, an event that featured 31 competitors this year.

"That's good for this one - about average," said Justin Andre, Director of Operations for GRA. "We're getting a lot of new faces, which is good." Pg. 1B

Golf team strives for return trip to state finals



They're striving for another state finals berth. The Grayling High School varsity girls golf team earned a trip to the state finals last year with a second place finish at regionals, and this year's group includes six players from that squad.

"Our biggest strength this year as a team is that we're returning six out of our seven girls from last year's state finals team," Coach Scott Baker said. "Focus and leadership on the team by everyone should take us a long ways this season." Pg. 1B

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Beaver Creek Township held its 20th annual community picnic on Saturday at the township hall and in the township park. Above, Karyn Ruley, a staff member for the Crawford County Library System, paints a flower on the face of a senior citizen at the picnic. Below, children under the age of 10 dug through the sand to find coins buried in the park's sand box.

BEAVER CREEK CELEBRATES WITH 20TH ANNUAL PICNIC



Local officials develop wildfire plan

Planners hope effort will prevent fires, save lives and homes

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

When a wildfire starts in Crawford County, local firefighters and officials are first on the scene and state and federal officials help as danger intensifies until the blaze is extinguished.

Crawford County officials are planning to prevent wildfires, save lives and homes by following the same path through a Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

Over the last several weeks, Crawford County Emergency planners and firefighting officials have been working to formalize an educational effort to help save homes and prevent wildfires from occurring in Crawford County. The hopes are that grants can be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources and U.S. Forest Service to help with the educational and fire prevention initiatives.

Dave Stephenson, chairman of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners, said the Crawford County Local Emergency Planning Committee has been charged with developing the community wildfire protection plan. South Branch Township Fire Chief Ernie Windolf, Stephenson and other firefighting and emergency planners have held meetings to bolster educational efforts to prevent wildfires.

The Howes Lake Fire started when lightning struck a Jack Pine tree on Monday, June 6. The lightning occurred when a two-minute storm swept through the region. The fire destroyed 817 acres of land, three out buildings and five homes had siding damage. The damage occurred on state, military and privately owned land.

The Meridian Road Boundary Fire, which started May 18, 2010, destroyed 8,586 acres of land in Crawford County. Most of the property was owned by the U.S. Forest Service, but 14 homes on private land were destroyed, two homes were damaged and 48 outbuildings were destroyed. The fire was started by someone burning brush.

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Wigwam project gets green light from city parks and recreation committee

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Grayling Parks and Recreation Committee gave its blessing to have a wigwam built in the Grayling City Park to honor an earlier Native American settler of the community.

The Grayling Parks and Recreation Committee gave its unanimous approval for a wigwam Jim Giessel plans to build in the Grayling City Park to honor Chief David Shoppenagon. The proposal will now go to the Grayling City Council at its 7 p.m. meeting on Monday, Aug. 28 for final approval.

Giessel, a Waters resident who was given the Native American name "White Buffalo," has been working with city officials on the project and took part in Crawford County Historical Society's Cemetery Walk earlier this month.

Giessel said he would prefer to build the lodge in the park since Shoppenagon and his family lived on property across the road from the park.

Shoppenagon, a Chippewa Indian, moved his family to Grayling in 1876. That prior fall, Shoppenagon and his son Thomas came here for deer hunting since the Bay City area, where they lived, was over hunted.

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Lovells holds 20th Bridge Walk

Lovells had an excellent turnout for the community's 20th annual Lovells Bridge Walk on Saturday. The Lovells Township firemen and EMS served over 150 people at their pancake breakfast that morning, several hundred people walked the bridge and attended the community picnic afterwards and enjoyed the live entertainment. All proceeds will go towards new equipment for The Lovells Township Fire/EMS Department. Above, walkers make their trek across the bridge.

Photo courtesy of Robert Baird

On July 30th, the Grayling Eagles hosted their annual Horseshoe Tournament. There was a good turnout & the weather was great, plenty of sunshine. We appreciate all the donations that helped to make this event such a success!

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County seeks even match for school resource officer program

by Dan Sanderson
 Staff Writer

The Crawford Board of Commissioners last week placed Crawford AuSable School District leaders on the hot seat to determine if the school district can come up with extra funding for a school resource officer.

The county board, at its regular monthly meeting, pledged \$27,000 to pay for half of the salary to keep Deputy Chase Barnett as the school resource officer. The county board is asking for a

\$27,000 match from the school district. The remaining \$20,000 balance to fund the \$74,000 position would come from an Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention grant used to fund the Grayling Viking Vision Career Academy. The program is a collaborative effort between the Crawford AuSable School District and Crawford County Family Court. The aim of the program is to help freshman and sophomore students, at risk of falling behind or dropping out of school, to stay on track for graduation at Grayling High School and pursue careers in their chosen field. Barnett spends time with students in the academy.

Earlier this year, Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield, Grayling City Manager/Police Chief Doug Baum, County Administrator Paul Compo and Crawford AuSable School District Superintendent Joe Powers met to discuss the future of the position. At the time, Powers said the school district wanted to have a part-time school resource officer and pledged \$18,000 toward the position. The school district had to address a \$1.5 million deficit due to state budget cuts for the 2011/12 school year.

"Instead of eliminating the program, he wanted to do something to maintain

the program," Compo said of Powers' position on the issue.

Wakefield and Baum, who administered a school resource officer program when he was the Montmorency County Sheriff, did not believe a part-time officer would be effective for the schools and both police agencies.

"We left with the understanding that there was no way any of the entities could afford to fund the program," Compo said.

Crawford County officials are currently addressing a \$160,000 general fund deficit for its next fiscal year, which begins on Sept. 1. The Sheriff's Road Patrol fund is projected to have an \$80,000 deficit due to declining property values.

"We have our challenges, we have our deficits and we've reconciled ourselves to the fact that we will be using some of our fund balance to address those deficits in our long-term budget," Compo said.

Last year, the school district paid \$36,000 to fund the school resource officer while the county paid \$9,000.

In 2010, the county paid \$77,694 for the position, while the district paid \$11,641. The cost for the program was split near evenly for the 2008 and 2009 school years. The county paid \$37,000 and the school district paid \$34,113

for the 2006 school year. Finally, the county paid \$37,500 for the 2007 school year, while the school district funded \$31,169 for the position.

Despite deficits facing all involved, county officials agreed to split the cost of the position for the next school year. That means the school district would have to come up with an extra \$9,000 to meet the \$27,000 match.

"Frankly, I think an even up match is good and if that doesn't work - it doesn't work," said Crawford County Treasurer Joe Wakeley. "I think it's a win-win for both based on what the audit committee is proposing to us."

County Commissioner Shelley Pinkelman said she believes the sheriff's office and court system will end up incurring costs without the presence of an officer in the schools.

"It's going to trickle down somewhere and we're going to be spending the money somewhere," Pinkelman said.

Powers said he committed to take the issue of funding the officer's back before the Crawford AuSable School District's Board of Education before any final funding decisions are made.

The school board is scheduled to meet on Thursday, Sept. 1. The first day of school is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 6.

"This is something that both the county and school district values and in these very difficult financial times for both the county and the schools, we absolutely need to discuss this very thoroughly and we believe everyone values the position," Powers said.

Wakefield said there has been a school resource officer in the schools since 1998.

Historically, Wakefield said the COPs in Schools federal grants and court funds used to pay for the program, but those funds have dried up. At one time, Wakefield said the sheriff's office had once had an officer assigned to each school in the district.

"I believe this is an essential program for what little bit we're asking for and I think it's a great service," Wakefield said. "I'd hate to see it go away."

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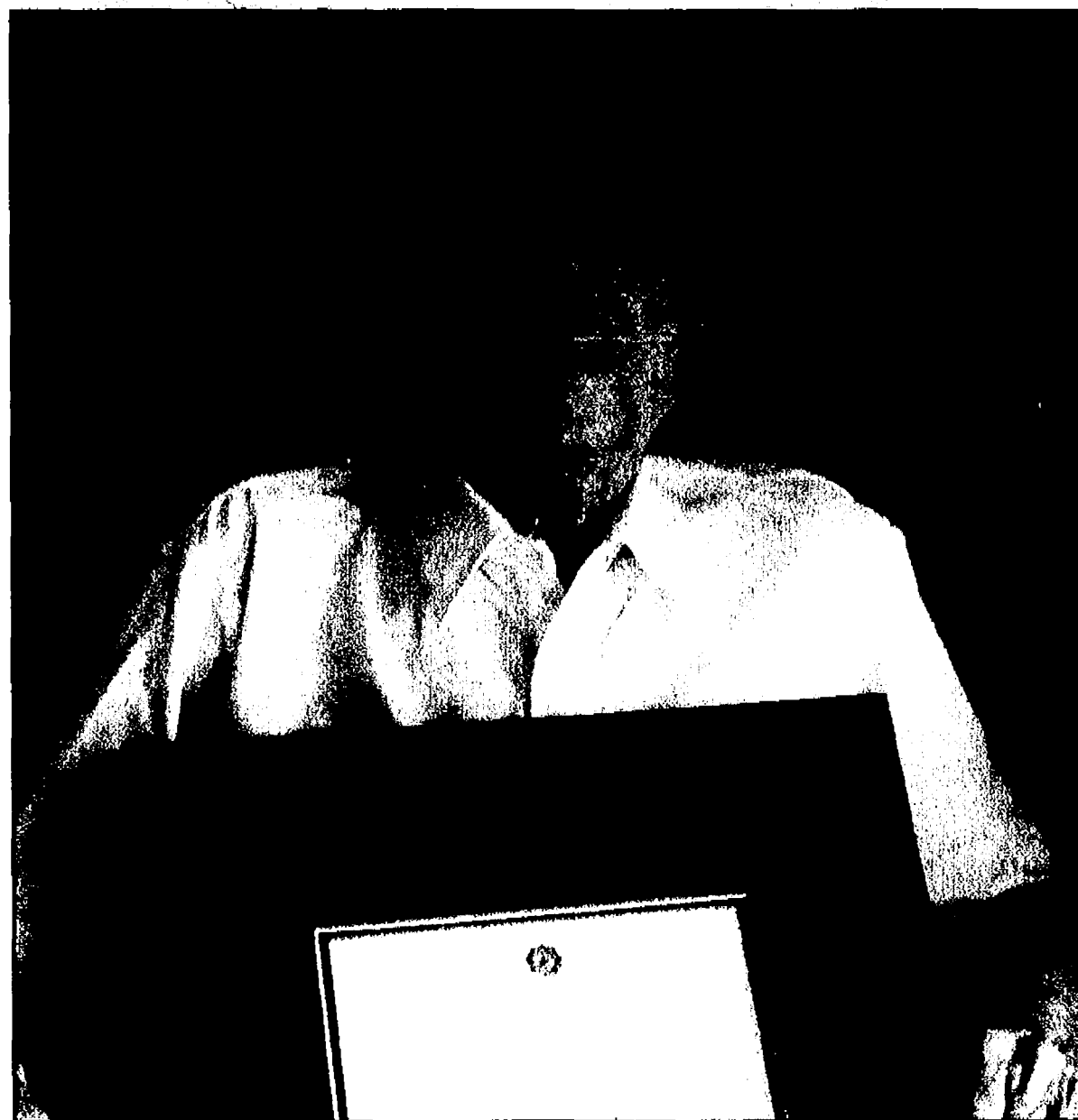
A Grayling veteran was recently honored for his military service.

On July 7, Grayling resident Ray Kehr turned 94 years old with a birthday celebration at his home.

At the celebration, the Navy Seabee Veterans of America accepted Kehr as a lifetime member. The Civil Engineer Corps also plan to place a customized brick at the U.S. Navy Seabee Museum in Port Hueneme, Calif. to honor Kehr's service during World War II. The museum is part of Naval Base Ventura County.

Jeri Selthoffer, president of the American Legion Auxiliary Post #106, presented Kehr with a framed certificate, naming Kehr as the Post's Honored Veteran for 2011/2012.

Kehr managed the Camp Grayling Officers Club for 18 years. His longtime friend, retired Col. Glen Alday, attended the birthday celebration along with family, friends and neighbors. Kehr's son, Jim and his wife Teena brought a colorful bouquet of 94 balloons. Midday, the balloons were released into the air, each one carrying a



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birthday wish.

Kehr and his wife, Violet, also celebrated their

71st wedding anniversary

on July 7. The couple have seven children: Ray,

Tonnya, Fred, Pamela, Jim,

Carl and Louis.

Men arrested for crime spree following ORV stop

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The arrest of two wayward ORV riders resulted in criminal charges for three men involved in a two-county crime spree.

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk A. Wakefield said that a traffic stop regarding two ORV quads in the Lovells area led to the arrest of three men.

Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies Matt Swope and John Klepadlo stopped the two quads driving down the wrong side of the County Road 612 west of Lovells around 11:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 16.

One of the ORV drivers attempted to run from the patrol car and went into the ditch, hitting a tree and flipping over. The subject was not injured, but the quad was damaged. During the officer's investigation,

both suspects ages 19 and 22; from the Lovells area, had suspended licenses and were arrested for those charges.

After inspection of the quads, it was apparent they had been hot-wired so they could be started without having a key to the ORVs. The owner of the quads, who lives in Otsego County near the Lovells area, was contacted and Troopers from the Gaylord Post of the Michigan State Police and they inspected his residence. It was apparent his house and garage were broken into. The two suspects confessed to the home invasion and implicated four other family members who were involved, also from the Lovells area. Deputies from the Crawford County Sheriff's Office executed search warrants with Troopers at two residences

in Lovells, located off of Old 612 and Welch Trail. The search resulted in the recovery of another chopped quad, a 64-inch TV, computers and other stolen property. The property seized totaled approximately \$20,000. A 25-year old male was arrested at his residence for probation violations.

From confessions, six other residences in Lovells had property stolen, mainly for scrap items and striping quads and motorcycles for parts. Some of these cabin owners were unaware of the thefts and were contacted by authorities.

The Crawford County Sheriff's Office requested warrants for possession of stolen property for other family members involved. State Troopers from Gaylord handled the home invasion case because the victim lives in Otsego

County.

Teens injured in rollover crash

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A witness to a rollover accident rescued two teens from a car that caught fire on Monday.

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk A. Wakefield said deputies were dispatched to a rollover accident on Lewiston Grade Road at the I-75 overpass at 6:50 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 22.

Upon arrival, the deputies discovered that a witness to the accident had assisted two 18-year-old females from the vehicle. Moments later, the vehicle caught fire. Deputies were able to quickly extinguish the flames.

Mobile Medical Response (MMR) and the Grayling Fire Department were called to the scene to assist.

The two females were transported to Mercy Hospital Grayling for treatment for their injuries by

MMR.

The driver of the vehicle

was cited for careless driving, Wakefield said.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Crawford AuSable School District provides free and appropriate public special education programs and services to all individuals with disabilities under the age of twenty-six. If you suspect your child may need special education programming, please contact your local school district representative.

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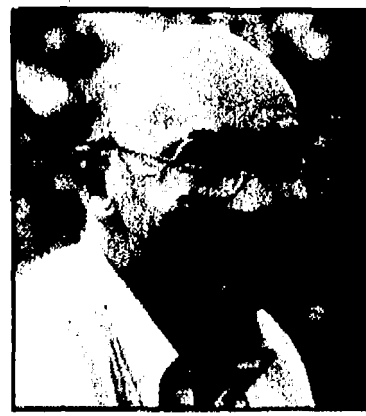
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Issues and Opinions



Almanack

by Richard Milliman

Latest entry in GOP senate race adds spice

THE RACE FOR the Republican nomination to go up against incumbent Democrat US Sen. Debbie Stabenow may turn out to be exciting after all ... and it could turn out to be just another intra-party Republican brawl, too.

Running against the resilient, always smiling, hard campaigning Ms. Stabenow will be daunting for any of the five Republicans now either publicly contemplating or announced as candidates in the August primary next year.

Sen. Stabenow seems to be on a personal mission to win a third Senate term. She is spending lots of time back in Michigan, seeming to appear wherever three or more Michigan voters are likely to gather for any purpose, and is freely expressing her views on almost any topic. Her picture and her comments appear often in newspapers across the state. She's playing to the hilt her new role as chair of the important Senate Agriculture Committee, too, especially back home here.

She always has been an efficient and tireless campaigner, and will be tough to beat.

There's one more factor to consider. The latest campaign finance filing shows the Stabenow campaign has more than \$4 million in the bank.

LATEST GOP OPTIMIST to announce intention to win the Stabenow seat is Grosse Pointe conservative Clark Durant, 62, an attorney, president of the New Common School Foundation in Detroit who helped found Cornerstone Charter Schools and former elected member of the State Board of Education.

Among others, he will face the current front runner for the nomination, former US Rep. Peter Hoekstra, 57, of Holland, who finished second in the five-way Republican primary for governor in 2010 to Gov. Rick Snyder.

Mr. Hoekstra served 18 years in Congress, ousting long time incumbent Rep. Guy VanderJagt in an upset victory in his first race for public office.

In April, after pondering the senate race, Mr. Hoekstra decided to forego the challenge. So did other well known possibilities, including Saul Anuzis, Republican national committee member and former state GOP chair; Terri Lynn Land, former Michigan secretary of state; and US Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, who is running for president instead.

Others, lesser known, stepped forward, including Randy Hekman, former Kent County pro-

bate judge; Peter Konetchy, Roscommon accountant; John McCulloch, Oakland County Water Commissioner; and possibly Gary Glenn of Midland, a strong tea partier and president of American Family Association of Michigan.

When Peter Hoekstra had his change of heart, reportedly at the urging of top Republicans in Washington and the Michigan Chamber of Commerce leaders, Mr. McCulloch dropped out and pledged his support to Mr. Hoekstra, who is also supported by Oakland County Executive Brooks Patterson and Sheriff Bill Bullard.

CLARK DURANT has been active in Michigan Republican politics for many years, usually choosing the ultra conservative side.

According to news reports, his supporters this year include former Sen. Spencer Abraham, Republican National Committeeman Saul Anuzis, and western Michigan Republican powerhouse Betsy DeVos. All three are former chairs of the Michigan Republican party.

Mr. Durant tried getting to the US Senate 12 years ago, but lost by about 90,000 votes in the Republican primary to Bill

Schuette, who then lost to Sen. Carl Levin by more than 400,000 votes in the general election. Mr. Schuette is now Michigan's Attorney General.

Mr. Durant also appeared on the general election ballot in 1990. After losing the nomination for senator to Mr. Schuette in the August primary, Mr. Durant was nominated in convention by Republicans for the state supreme court in November 1990, where he finished third behind two Democrat-nominated incumbents by more than 400,000 votes.

As an historical note, Republican John Engler edged out incumbent Democratic Gov. Jim Blanchard in 1990 by about 17,500 votes.

Mr. Durant has promised a fight for the senate nomination.

"We're going to have a very spirited primary," he said. "People will be able to make a choice between the American way and the usual Washington way."

HOW WILL all this turn out? It's difficult to guess. Here are a few ponderables:

Will Mr. Hoekstra change his mind again and forego the spirited campaign needed to win the senate seat?

Will inner party struggles,

already indicated in the split line-up of early support, fractionalize the overall Republican effort?

Will Gov. Snyder have any influence among party faithful who vote in primaries, and if so will he use it?

Will President Obama's presence on the November ballot help Sen. Stabenow, or be a negative?

Will general public disgust with congress, including the senate, work against incumbent Stabenow?

Will the tea party faithful be strong enough to sway the primary? Will its strength be felt in the general election?

Will one of the dark horses in the primary race strike a chord with the voters and upset the party big shots? Rick Snyder did.

The primary is almost a year away and one thing is for sure. Unexpected things will happen before then.

If there's anything Michigan Republicans seem to relish more than a fight with Democrats, it's a fight among themselves.

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Washington Notes

By Carl Levin, U.S. Senator (D-Michigan)

Only thing that rivals Michigan's natural wonders: Its people

I have traveled across Michigan an untold number of times. But the strength, the character and the beauty of our state never cease to amaze me. Over just a few August days I saw reminder after reminder of what makes Michigan special.

Much of what I saw reaffirmed my faith in the innovation of Michigan companies and the quality of our fantastic workforce. I joined President Obama on his visit to the Holland factory where Johnson Controls manufactures batteries for use in advanced automobiles. The president told the workers there: "Every day, hundreds of people are going to work (here) on the technologies that are helping us to fight our way out of this recession. Every day, you're building high-tech batteries so that we lead the world in manufacturing the best cars and the best trucks."

The plant is one of several across the state that have begun work in the last two years on advanced auto components thanks to more than \$2 billion in grants included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Those plants are employing hundreds of workers in jobs that didn't exist before, and they're setting the stage for American companies to lead the auto industry for decades to come.

Just a day after President Obama's visit, I joined dozens of volunteers and public officials

just west of Traverse City in breaking ground for the Sleeping Bear Dunes Heritage trail, a 27-mile hard-surfaced trail that will link the main visitor destinations at Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. That same day, I accompanied Jane Lubchenco, administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, on her first visit to the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary in Alpena.

Both of these federal protected areas help preserve something unique about Michigan. At Sleeping Bear, it's the towering sand dunes created by wind and water over thousands of years. At Thunder Bay, it's a unique underwater environment that includes more than 50 shipwrecks, each a reminder of our state's maritime history.

A visit to these special locations is always rewarding – and not just because of their natural beauty. I was able to spend time with volunteers, public officials and visitors, all of whom are determined to preserve these wonders for future generations to enjoy.

I also attended the 20th anniversary celebration for the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy, a volunteer group whose work has preserved more than 34,000 acres of precious Michigan land. At the anniversary dinner, the U.S.

Environmental Protection Agency announced grants to governments and groups in the Grand Traverse Region to help protect our Great Lakes – more progress in preserving our precious lakes.

Michiganians are in love with the Great Lakes, and we're not alone. In Holland, at Johnson Controls, someone mentioned to me that a Korean company had invested in a battery plant because the Korean corporate executives fell in love with Lake Michigan. They looked at many areas in the United States and in other countries where they could build a factory, but they selected a place near Lake Michigan because they fell in love.

Preserving that treasure will take more steps like the grants we announced. But grants alone won't protect our lakes. We'll also need the hard work and dedication of lots of people who care about our state and its future – just as it takes the hard work and expertise of workers like those at Johnson Controls in Holland to make our economy strong.

Ultimately, the greatness of our state rests on its people, on our workers and farmers, on our entrepreneurs and volunteers, on all the people whose hard work and grit and love of Michigan shine through.

Carl Levin is the senior U.S. senator from Michigan.

Letters to the Editor

Township board is considering radical change

To the editor:

Supervisor Terry Wright has announced his early retirement for sometime in late October.

Spearheaded by township board member Dennis Long, the board is considering a radical change in our governmental structure. They are thinking of appointing a weak supervisor who will come in as needed to sign legal papers and run the board meetings for a suggested stipend of \$3,600 - \$4,800, then hire a superintendent/manager to run the township for \$30,000.

While I applaud their efforts to save money, I can't see the wisdom of a two tiered system when an interim supervisor could handle both duties at a reduced salary – say \$30,000 or less.

Next fall, we the voters will have the opportunity to elect a candidate of our choice to be our next supervisor. What do you think?

The next discussion will take place at the Township Hall, Sept. 1, at 10 a.m.

Jeddy Hood
Grayling

Public input meeting scheduled during working hours

To the editor:

Ya, right, the Grayling Charter Township, powers that be, board members say they want public input on an almost 100% radical switch in operation and control over the residents so they schedule the input meeting for Sept. 1, Thursday morning, at 10 a.m.

Whoopie, all you butchers, bakers and candlestick makers, hang up the closed sign and see how this privately owned corporate government wants to fleece us this time.

The rest of you that have to work for a living don't worry – these are the same government employees that took away our voice at the old annual meeting and gave us a big time Charter Township.

They will watch out for ya all.

Don Welser
Grayling

Letters to the Editor

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

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All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

Briefs

Angelfood distribution announced

Angelfood distribution will be Saturday, Aug. 27, from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m., at the Grayling Free Methodist Church. Food must be picked up at the time above or it will be given to someone in need. Bring a large box or cooler for your food. Next month's orders may be placed on distribution day.

Antique tractor show to be held

Wellington Antique Tractor and Engine Club Tractor Show will be held Aug. 26, 27 and 28 at Wellington Farms, Military Rd. Admission is \$5, under 10 free.

County Republicans to meet

The Crawford County Republican Executive Committee will hold a special meeting for the purpose of selecting candidates for the Board of Canvassers. The meeting will be held on Monday, Aug. 29, at the Crawford County Courthouse at 5 p.m.

Bowling league meetings scheduled

Bowling league meetings for the American Legion Lanes are as follows: Grayling Women's Association, Thursday, Aug. 25 at 7 p.m.; Friday Mixed Doubles, Friday, Aug. 26 at 7 p.m.; Monday Pioneer, Monday, Aug. 29 at 7 p.m.; Men's, Tuesday, Aug. 30 at 7 p.m.; and Thursday Morning Coffee, Thursday, Sept. 1 at 10 a.m. New teams and bowlers are welcome.

Benefit shoot to be held at Hanson Hills

Norman H. Wood Memorial 3rd Annual Benefit Shoot for the American Cancer Society will be held on Saturday, Aug. 27, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Hanson Hills Recreation Area, Grayling. A charge of \$12 per shooter includes pig roast, 3D shoot, indoor range, novelties and prizes. For more information contact Dave Waack at 989-275-5653.

Tractors and country music make for big northern Michigan weekend

The weekend of Aug. 26 - 28 will be a big event in Northern Michigan when the Wellington Antique Tractor and Engine Club host their annual Tractor and Engine Show at Wellington Farm near Grayling.

In conjunction with the show, Wellington Farm will present a country music show on Saturday, Aug. 27 featuring Emily Portman. Direct from Nashville, Tenn. Portman has appeared on the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tenn. and has also appeared at the historic Ryman Auditorium with George Jones. She also appeared in a leading role in the movie, "Strawberry Wine" based on the Deanna Carter Song. She has appeared in several tribute shows about Loretta Lynn and recently toured the country playing the role of Lynn in the musical "It's Only Make Believe" a show based on the life of Conway Twitty.

Portman is a sponsor of the Wounded Warrior Project and the royalties from her latest album,

"Country Girl Like Me" will go to that organization.

Members of the tractor club make an all out effort to make sure that everyone has a good time. Lots of tractors to look at, interesting vendors to browse through, food on the grounds, lots of events to get involved in. Anyone young or old who would like to will be able to drive an antique farm tractor. Any youth will have an opportunity to drive a 'puller' should they so desire and all the tiny tots are invited to participate in a peddle pull. The show operates from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily.

Wellington Farm is located at 6944 S. Military Road southwest of Grayling just off I-75, Exit 251 or US - 127, Exit 206. The 60-acre facility depicts rural life as it was lived during the Great Depression. Wellington Farm is open to the public from 9:00 until 5:00 6 days a week until Halloween. The farm is closed on Monday. Wellington Farm Park, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non profit corporation.



Wellington Farm

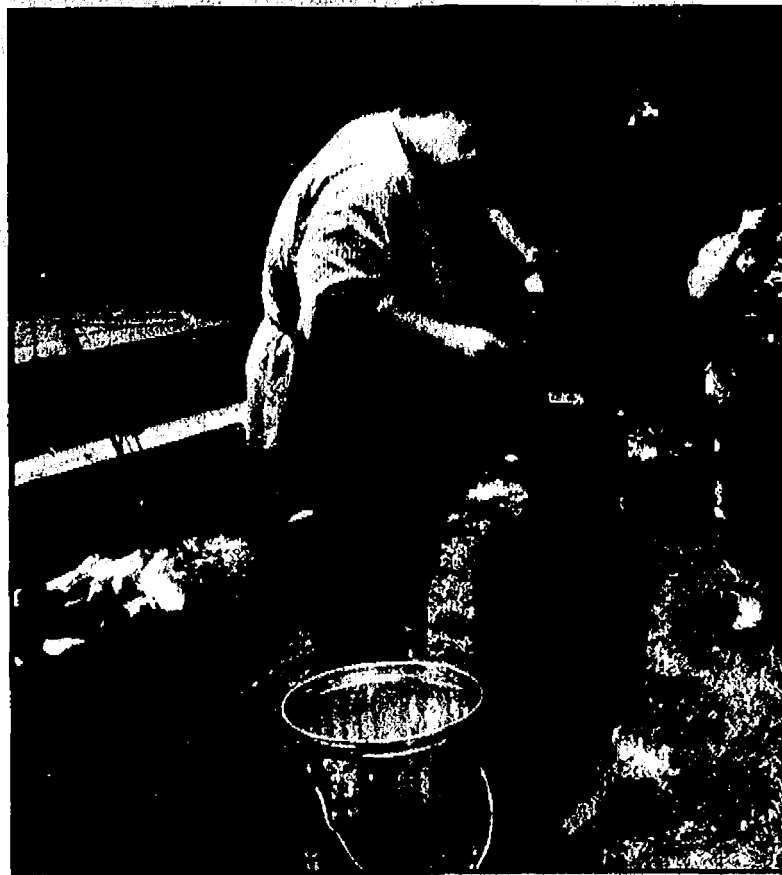
Raffle Winners

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for Aug. 21 of \$25 each; George Klee, Wendy Fleming, Bernie Feldhauser and Steve Brinks.

Grayling Lions Club

The winner of the Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13 raffle on Aug. 19 was Charlene.



Black Iron Days at Hartwick Pines

Hartwick Pines State Park to host Black Iron Days

Get outdoors to Hartwick Pines State Park on Aug. 27-28 for the Black Iron Days Festival, the largest annual gathering of blacksmiths in Michigan. Over 50 craftsmen and women will be on hand demonstrating their trade at the logging museum located at the park.

The two-day event, taking place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day, also will recreate the sights, sounds and scents of an historic sawmill cutting logs into boards. Watch woodworkers, weavers and wool spinners as they show how their crafts were done in the era before power tools. Full Moon Jam will be performing a mix of traditional and original music.

Join other park visitors at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 28, to field a pick-up team for a game of vintage baseball versus the Hartwick Pines Swamper. It's a fun, friendly game of baseball as it was played in the 1860s with no gloves and some rather different rules. The game will take place in the ball field near the park's picnic area.

The Hartwick Pines Logging Museum is a field

Library News

Teen Devereaux invites teens and tweens to a bone chilling experience at Devereaux Memorial Library on Friday, Aug. 26 at 6 p.m. They are looking for the skeletons in your closet...so don't hide them, expose them at this genealogy program. Call Connie Meyer to sign up at (989) 348-9214 and start digging up bones.

Family Movie Matinee will be held at Devereaux Memorial Library on Saturday, Aug. 27 at 1:30 p.m. Johnny Depp is "Rango" in this animated comedy perfect for the whole family. Popcorn too. Sign up by calling Jane at (989) 348-9214.

The Crawford County Literary Library (C.C.L.L.) Book Club will meet at Devereaux Memorial Library on Tuesday, Aug. 30 at 5 p.m. They will be discussing "The Confessions of Max Tivoli" by Andrew Sean Grear. A special showing of its movie counterpart "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button" will be played and compared to the book. Any questions call Jane at (989) 348-9214.

site of the Michigan Historical Museum that interprets Michigan's white pine logging era of 1840-1910. Black Iron Days is sponsored by the Friends of Hartwick Pines. All proceeds go toward interpretive and educational programs at the park.

The park is located at 4216 Ranger Rd. in Grayling in Crawford County. The event is free; however, a Recreation Passport is required for vehicles entering Hartwick Pines. For details on the program, call the park at 989-348-7068.

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Who is Jackie Senske?

Pit bull dropped over shelter fence

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A pit bull, believed to be 4 months old, was recently dropped or thrown over the back fence at the AuSable Valley Animal Shelter.

The pup was found in the yard in the morning on Wednesday, Aug. 10.

The back fence at the shelter is a 10-foot drop over chain link and barbed wire, said Cheryl Postma, the director of the AuSable Valley Animal Shelter.

Though the person dropping the puppy may have thought that she would be safe at the shelter, they actually put the puppy in very serious danger, Postma said.

Shelter staff members were unaware that the puppy was there and released a large male dog into that yard and he attacked the puppy.

"Had it not been for the quick actions and skill of the staff, that puppy could very well have been killed," Postma said. "As it was, she was traumatized, cold and wet from being left out in the rain and exhausted."

If you have any information regarding this puppy and who may have put her in danger, they are encouraged to call the animal shelter or Crawford County Animal Control.



A pit bull, believed to be 4 months old, was recently dropped or thrown over the back fence at the AuSable Valley Animal Shelter. Above, the pup, which has been named "Cola," was found in the yard in the morning on Wednesday, Aug. 10.

ter or Crawford County Animal Control.

Crawford County Animal Control Officer Gail Foguth can be reached at 344-3273. Staff at the AuSable Valley Animal Shelter can be reached at 348-4117.

Mercy Hospital Grayling Auxiliary makes \$100,000 pledge

The Mercy Hospital Grayling Auxiliary has pledged to donate \$100,000 to the hospital for improvements to the inpatient areas and rooms. The project includes renovation and new patient care equipment. Medical equipment will be upgraded via new, state-of-the-art patient care headwalls in the inpatient rooms. Computer work stations will also be added to patient rooms, which will allow fuller use of the electronic medical record at the patient's bedside.

The \$250,000 project, which is already underway, will enhance the care experience for inpatients and will increase efficiency for staff. The inpatient units will provide care in an environment that is more soothing, modern and consistent with the rest of the hospital's new and renovated areas.

"The hospital Auxiliary is made up of a body of volunteers who work to support the daily needs of patients and staff and to support the fiscal needs of our hospital. We accept this challenge knowing that

through our fund raising efforts and the support from our community, we will meet our three-year goal of raising \$100,000," said Mark Cook, Treasurer, Mercy Hospital Grayling Auxiliary.

"We know this project is needed and is vital to the hospital. We are excited to be able to contribute to the continuing improvements at Mercy Hospital Grayling," stated Ruth Doss, Mercy Hospital Grayling Auxiliary Board Member.

Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak, CEO, commends the Auxiliary for this generous pledge as well as their long-term commitment to Mercy Hospital Grayling. "Mercy has been serving our communities for over 100 years now, and our Auxiliary has been with us every step of the way. They literally support all that we do, and their efforts and generosity truly make a difference throughout our healthcare system and the communities we serve together. We are very grateful for their continued partnership here at Mercy Hospital Grayling."

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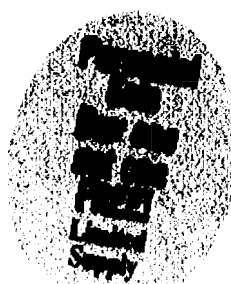
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ed to charitable and community organizations throughout Great Lakes Energy's 26-county service area, which stretches from Kalamazoo to the Mackinac Straits.

"The People Fund is made possible by the generosity of our members who contribute a few cents each month by rounding-up their bill," says President/CEO Steve Boeckman. "We encourage non-profit community organizations to apply

so that the funds can be put to good use in our local service area."

Non-profit organizations can apply for a grant through the People Fund by downloading the application at www.gtlakes.com or by calling Great Lakes Energy, 1-888-485-2537, ext. 1313. Organizations that are unable to apply by Oct. 1 will have another opportunity to submit an application in 2012.

87th District Court

Sentencings for July 2011

Hon. Monte J. Burmeister
Madgelynn Elaine
Lovett, age 42 of Toledo -
Sentenced on July 6, 2011,
for no valid license in pos-

session; ordered to pay \$148 in fines or serve 14 days in jail.

Sharlene Rose Pelka, age 27 of Grayling - Sentenced on July 19, 2011, for operate while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$553 in fines or serve 55 days in jail; placed on probation for 123 days.

Andrew Steven Failing, age 23 of Grayling - Sentenced on July 12, 2011, for railroads-trespass on tracks; ordered to pay \$173 in fines or serve 17 days in jail.

Yvonne Marie Duffy, age 52 of Grayling - Sentenced on July 12, 2011, for operating while intoxicated; ordered to pay \$953 in fines or serve 93 days in jail; placed on probation for 123 days.

Albert Frank Temple Jr., age 22 of Grayling - Sentenced on July 12, 2011, for disturbance of the peace; ordered to pay \$343 in fines or serve 34 days in jail; placed on probation for 123 days.

Shawn William Paul, age

41 of Grayling - Sentenced on July 5, 2011, for sex offenders-failure to comply with reporting; ordered to serve three days in jail; ordered to pay \$1,023 in fines or serve 93 days in jail; placed on probation for 184 days.

Daniel Lee Towery, age 49 of Grayling - Sentenced on July 26, 2011, for attempt-police-assault/resist/obstruct; ordered to pay \$1,058 in restitution or serve 93 days in jail; placed on probation for 123 days.

Daniel James Lloyd-Schomer, age 23 of Roscommon - Sentenced on July 5, 2011, for two counts of embezzlement-agent or trustee under \$200; ordered to pay \$711 in fines and \$40.42 in restitution or serve 75 days in jail; placed on probation for 184 days.

Jon David Sauve, age 44 of Saginaw - Sentenced on July 19, 2011, for domestic violence; ordered to serve five days in jail with credit for one day served; ordered to pay \$983 in fines or serve 88 days in jail; placed on probation for 184 days.

Earl Ryan McCain, age 25 of Kalkaska - Sentenced on July 12, 2011, for operate while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$903 in fines or serve 90 days in jail; placed on probation for 123 days.

Autum Star Roberts, age 28 of Grayling - Sentenced on July 5, 2011, for non-sufficient funds check under \$100; ordered to pay \$943 in fines and \$1,265 in restitution or serve 93 days in jail; placed on probation for 731 days.

Matthew James Rathbun, age 21 of Grayling - Sentenced on July 5, 2011, for operate while visibly impaired and no valid license in possession; ordered to pay \$1,051 in fines or serve 93 days in jail; placed on probation for 123 days.

Alicia Ann Deboer, age 20 of Mio - Sentenced on July 12, 2011, for operate while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$963 in fines or serve 93 days in jail; placed on probation for 184 days.

Brent Harlan Tabor, age 31 of Bark River - Sentenced on July 26, 2011, for controlled substance possession of marijuana; ordered to serve 20 days in

jail; ordered to pay \$1,318 in fines or serve 131 days in jail; placed on probation for 184 days.

Richard John Schomer, age 20 of Grayling - Sentenced on July 19, 2011, for impeded traffic; ordered to pay \$120 in fines.

Benjamin Joseph Labeau, age 27 of Roscommon - Sentenced on July 19, 2011, for domestic violence; ordered to serve seven days in jail; ordered to pay \$813 in fines or serve 81 days in jail; placed on probation for 365 days.

Nathaniel David Auman, age 26 of Gaylord - Sentenced on July 26, 2011, for controlled substance use of marijuana; ordered to serve five days in jail with credit for one day served; ordered to pay \$1,063 in fines or serve 85 days in jail; placed on probation for 184 days.

Jerry Rolland Catlin, age 48 of Lewiston - Sentenced on July 19, 2011, for no valid license in possession; ordered to pay \$148 in fines or serve 14 days in jail.

Chad Allen Creel, age 22 of Grayling - Sentenced on July 19, 2011, for operate without security; ordered to pay \$373 in fines or serve 37 days in jail.

Steven Patrick Gasperich, age 25 of Escanaba - Sentenced on July 26, 2011, for disorderly person-non-support and malicious destruction of personal property less than \$200; ordered to pay \$831 in fines and \$422.87 in restitution in fines or serve 93 days in jail; placed on probation for 123 days.

Derek James Mankin, age 22 of East Lansing - Sentenced on July 12, 2011, for no proof of insurance; ordered to pay \$160 in fines.

Michael James Bordeaux, age 25 of Grayling - Sentenced on July 26, 2011, for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to pay \$893 in fines or serve 89 days in jail; placed on probation for 92 days.

John Thomas Johnson, age 29 of Grayling - Sentenced on July 26, 2011, for controlled substance possession of marijuana; ordered to pay \$1,218 in fines or serve 121 days in jail.



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Income Guidelines for National Free and Reduced Priced Meals For Schools, and Child and Adult Care Programs Are Announced

The Michigan Department of Education has announced the household income guidelines established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture for free and reduced price meals and free milk through the National School Lunch, School Breakfast, Special Milk, and Child and Adult Care Food Programs. The income guidelines are effective from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

The Crawford AuSable School District and C.O.O.R. Intermediate School District participate in these programs.

Schools and child care centers will provide a form for applying for free or reduced price meals. Only one application is required per household. Most participating centers and all participating family child care homes provide meals to all enrolled participants without any separate charge.

Children or foster children who are recipients of Michigan's Family Independent Program, Food Assistance Program, or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations households, or who are enrolled in Head Start, Even Start, an At-Risk after school center, or an emergency shelter, automatically qualify for free meals. Households with incomes less than or equal to the following guidelines qualify for free or reduced price meals or free milk.

Scale for Free Meals or Free Milk			Scale for Reduced Priced Meals	
Total Family Size	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly
1	\$14,157	\$1,180	\$20,147	\$1,679
2	\$19,123	\$1,594	\$27,214	\$2,268
3	\$24,089	\$2,008	\$34,281	\$2,857
4	\$29,055	\$2,422	\$41,348	\$3,446
5	\$34,021	\$2,836	\$48,415	\$4,035
6	\$38,987	\$3,249	\$55,482	\$4,624
7	\$43,953	\$3,663	\$62,549	\$5,213
8	\$48,919	\$4,077	\$69,616	\$5,802
For each additional family member add:				
	\$4,966	\$414	\$7,067	\$589

An application to a school or child care center can be approved if it contains complete documentation of household income or documentation of current participation in Michigan's Family Independence Program, Food Assistance Program, or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations. Information supplied on an application for free or reduced price meals may be verified at any time. An appeal procedure if available for households where applications are denied.

Participating schools and centers accept applications for free or reduced price meals at any time during the year. A household may qualify for free or reduced price meals due to a temporary loss of income, such as a period of unemployment.

If a doctor has determined that a child has a disability, and the disability would prevent the child from eating the regular school or child care meal, the school or child care facility will make any substitution prescribed by a doctor at no charge. The doctor's statement, including prescribed diet and/or substitution, must be submitted to the food service department of the school or child care facility.

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Long's Hearing Systems opens Grayling office

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A business focused on helping people improve their hearing and communication with friends and loved ones recently opened a branch office in Grayling.

Long's Hearing Care Systems has opened an office at the Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy located at 500 N. James St.

Long's Hearing Care Systems was founded by Mike Long and has been in business in Traverse City and Cadillac for 26 years.

Long's Hearing Care Systems has also operated

an office in Prudenville for six years.

Long's son-in-law, Todd Birgy, recently passed a state exam, which will allow him to work with patients with their hearing loss needs.

"He can now do hearing examinations and fit patients for hearing aids, but everything is by appointment," Long said of branching out into the Grayling market.

Long's Hearing Care Systems features Sarkey and Wi Series hearing aids, which can be specifically programmed to correct a patient's hearing loss.

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Vaccinations required for students starting school

The Health Department would like to remind parents about the vaccinations required by the State of Michigan for students entering school or preschool this fall.

The importance of staying up to date with vaccinations cannot be overstated. People live longer and healthier lives today than in years past because of the development of life-saving vaccines.

Children and teens should generally have the following vaccines, depending on age and medical history:

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- Polio;
- MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella);
- Hepatitis B;
- Varicella (Chickenpox);
- Pneumococcal;
- Meningococcal.

Because it can be confusing for parents to figure out

when the different vaccines are due, the best thing to do is to contact the Health Department or your health care provider for guidance.

Information is also available at www.michigan.gov/immunize and by following the "Immunization" link on the District Health Department #10 website at www.dhd10.org.

Flu vaccine is also strongly recommended, though it is not a school requirement. Everyone aged 6 months and older should get a seasonal flu vaccine every year. Flu vaccine is normally made a little differently each year to cover the three flu viruses experts predict will be most common during the upcoming season. The flu viruses covered by this year's vaccine are the same as last year's. But because your body faces many stresses over time, your level of

immunity has likely declined.

Flu season is unpredictable. It often starts soon after cooler weather brings more people indoors and into schools. You don't know if you'll get it, or how sick it will make you. It takes about two weeks after a flu vaccination for antibodies to begin protecting you from flu infection. So it's best to get your flu vaccine early - as soon as it's available in your area.

Many health insurance plans cover the cost of vaccinations. If not, help is available through Vaccines for Children or other programs.

Call your local office of District Health Department #10 to schedule an appointment, or if you want more information. The District Health Department #10 in Crawford County can be reached at (989) 348-7800.

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AuSable Dance Center to offer training in ballet, tap, and more

by Caleb Casey
 Senior Staff Writer

Two women who grew up in Crawford County are getting ready to open a new dance instruction facility – the AuSable Dance Center, a school that will offer training in a wide variety of styles, including ballet, tap, jazz, and hip hop – this fall, possibly in mid-September, and registration for classes is now open.

Felicia Phillips, who's studied and taught dance in a variety of cities and states, will serve as the instructor for the AuSable Dance Center. Chelsea Partello is handling the "business aspect" and the "behind the scenes" work for the school,

she said.

Phillips trained in Traverse City (Dance Arts Academy), Los Angeles (EDGE Performing Arts Center), and New York. She has also worked in Las Vegas, San Diego, and Phoenix, she said.

Phillips and Partello, when they were younger, both attended the Louise Tournaud School of Dance in Grayling and wanted to fill the void created when Tournaud left.

"I always wanted to come back to Grayling. I knew I wanted to open a dance school some day. I think it's what Grayling needs," Phillips said.

"I have a daughter. I think it's extremely important as a parent to have these opportunities," Partello said. "I grew up with dance; it was such an important part of my life. I wanted that for my kids and I was hearing that from other moms."

Partello and Phillips plan to convert the vacant building at 106 Michigan Avenue (former Dharma Records location) – it's next to the Sawmill, which is also vacant – into the AuSable Dance Center. Once they get the paperwork done for the building they need to do some modifications to get the facility prepared, including carpet removal.

"We're going to start working on it right away. We need to get mirrors up and make it dance ready," Partello said. "It's a nice open space."

Phillips and Partello hope to open in September. They're planning to offer classes six evenings per week; the center will offer training in ballet, tap, hip hop, jazz, gymnastics, and more for people ages two and up. They also hope to offer musical theatre.

"Felicia is unique in that she has all that awesome

training," Partello said. "She's more professionally trained than I think anyone else people will find in the area."

Once they get the school established they hope to offer local performances and have their students take part in competitions.

"I think that's something really important, being able to expand and go to different places," Phillips said.

Both women said family and friends have been helpful while they try to launch the new school.

"We have an awesome support team," Partello said. "It's been amazing," Phillips said.

Registration for classes is now open. If interested, people can call (989) 745-3370 or visit the AuSable Dance Center's Facebook page for more information.

"We've already had quite a few registrations," Partello said.

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Felicia Phillips, left, and Chelsea Partello, right, will be opening the AuSable Dance Center – a facility that will offer instruction in ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop, and more – this fall. The school will be located on Michigan Avenue next to the Sawmill in the building formerly used by Dharma Records.

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"We have engaged per-

formers for 2011-2012, mindful of the type of entertainment that appeals to our Northern Michigan patron base," Gurnow said. "Before people can experience the exhilaration of a live audience, they have to want to see the artist who is performing."

The newly structured "Build-Your-Own-Season" ticket program is designed to encourage patrons to see more than one show.

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Our integrated approach also includes two performances by college students in the fall and winter semesters. The first of their kind in several years, the performances give any KCC student a chance to learn live performance from the ground up.

"We hope to build on theatre education next year by reaching out to younger students in the surrounding

area, but we'll need community support," Gurnow said. "Kirtland Community College feels the need to take the lead on this kind of enrichment for our future student base, especially since funding for the arts in our primary education system has been so diminished."

The Kirtland Youth Theatre (KYT) again offers exemplary matinee performances to school children from surrounding communities. "Each KYT show is fun and entertaining, but also encourages learning through live performance, allowing the young audience to interact with performers and ask questions about the science and execution of the show," said Gurnow.

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Previously, vehicle owners were advised not to renew online with less than two weeks to go before their birthday. This allowed time for the customers' registration and license plate tabs to arrive in the mail by the time the old one expires.

In many cases, by the time the customer remembered to renew and went online, it was too late and required them to make a last-minute trip to a branch office to obtain their new tabs and registration.

As a result of the new policy vehicle owners can conveniently renew online at www.Michigan.gov/sos up through the last minute of

their birthday. Upon completion of the transaction, they will be able to print off a temporary registration document to keep in their vehicle as proof until they receive their tabs and registration in the mail, usually within 7 to 10 days.

"This change should be a major step to improving our wait times at the branch offices," said Secretary of State Ruth Johnson. "We understand that life is busy and renewing vehicle registrations is often a last minute task. Now you can do it from home instead of at our office."

Of the nine million vehicle registrations processed each year in Michigan, approximately 75 percent, more than 6.5 million transactions, are still handled in branch offices. Moving hundreds of thousands of these transactions online and out of the branch offices will help speed service for

those customers who do need to visit said Johnson.

Because of current constraints in the state's computer system, customers renewing multiple license plate registrations must print or save each registration individually before beginning their next transaction.

Law enforcement agencies in Michigan have been notified of the new policy and the use of temporary registration documents. It is critical that motorists carry their temporary registrations with them as proof of the transactions, Johnson said.

For more information about online options and other Secretary of State services, visit the website www.Michigan.gov/sos. Customers also may call the Department of State Information Center to speak to a customer service representative at 1-888-767-6424.

Taking up the battle on Purple Loosestrife

A group of 17 individuals helped take up the battle against Purple Loosestrife on Aug. 15 from as far away as Oscoda and representing Au Sable River Property Owners Association, Mason Griffith Founders Chapter of Trout Unlimited and Huron Pines AmeriCorps.

Volunteers came together for the first ever Purple Loosestrife Removal Day sponsored by the Au Sable River Property Owners

Association. This highly aggressive non-native invasive plant with its beautiful purple flowers threatens wetlands, streams and rivers by displacing such native species as the cattail.

Due to the generous donation of canoes and transportation by Penrod's Canoe and Kayak, volunteers, led by Huron Pines AmeriCorps member Lisa Tobin of Gaylord, who is serving with the Au Sable River

Watershed Restoration Committee, worked to restore over one-half mile of the Au Sable River.

At the end of the day, volunteers had manually pulled over 2500 plants from the banks of the river and were transported to Old AuSable Fly Shop for a much deserved lunch.

Mercy Hospice Ramble to the Pines to be held in September

Mercy Hospice is having their 3rd annual Ramble to the Pines on Sept. 10. This walk/bike/run is on the six mile paved trail beginning at Grayling City Hall and ending at the entrance to Hartwick Pines State Park.

Participants with a pledge of \$25 or more will receive a T-shirt.

The start time will be between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Registration may be in

advance or on the day of the event.

For more information or to make a donation, call 1-800-424-1457 for details.

Mercy Hospice benefits person in a five county area surrounding Grayling. The funds generated by this event will support end of life and bereavement services to patients and the community at large. Mercy Hospice is part of Trinity Health.



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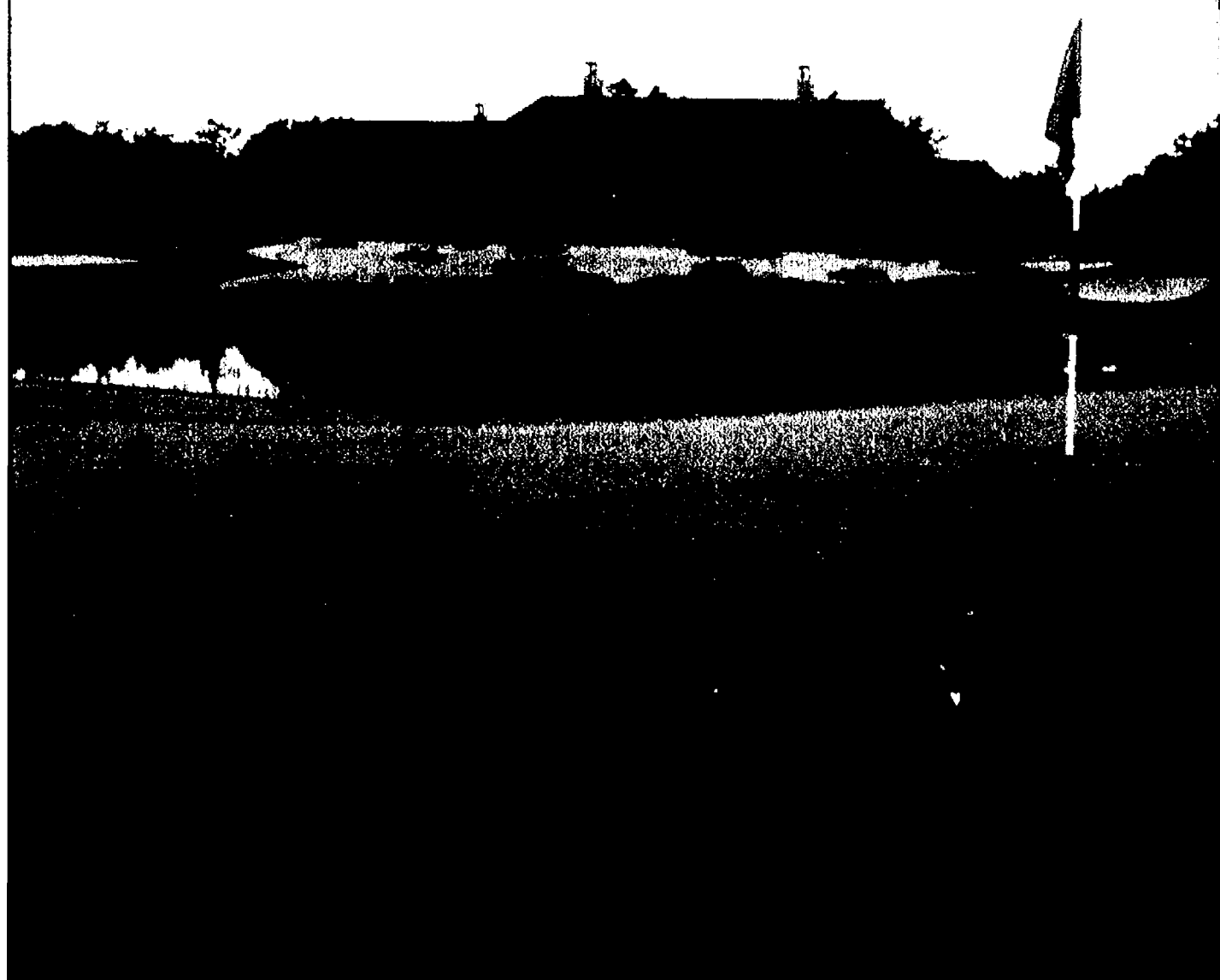
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Local officials working to develop Community Wildfire Protection Plan

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The Four Mile Road fire, which was started by sparks from a Lake State Railway, Inc. train engine on April 24, 2008, burned down 1,300 acres of forest, three homes and other buildings, located on Grayling Game Club property south of Grayling by Simpson Lake.

Stephenson said that Crawford County is designated at the top for being a red zone for wildfires since 93.2 percent of the land is susceptible to wildfires and 81.9 percent of homes in the county are prone to being damaged by wildfires.

"It's one list that we don't like to be at the top of but we are," Stephenson said. "I feel strongly that we need to address this because we've really had too many close calls."

Stephenson attributed the high wildfire danger to the

Jack Pine trees, which grow along the AuSable River corridor, and Crawford sand, the yellow sand where the trees grow. The sand does not hold moisture and the Jack Pines cause fires to crown and quickly spread when a wildfire starts.

"The moisture we get goes right down through it," Stephenson said of the Crawford sand. "Wildfires have burned off all the top soil."

Once the Community Wildfire Prevention Plan is formalized, the county can apply for grants to conduct Firewise educational meeting and send out information to residents in high risk areas.

The National Fire Protection Association's Firewise Communities program encourages local solutions for wildfire safety by involving homeowners, community leaders,

planners, developers, firefighters and others in the effort to protect people and property from wildfire risks.

The program is co-sponsored by the USDA Forest Service, the U.S. Department of the Interior, and the National Association of State Foresters.

Some of the Firewise measures include cutting down or thinning trees close to homes and removing open wooden lattice from decks and porches where dry leaves collect.

"Sparks from a fire go through those same holes and up go the leaves and there goes your house," Stephenson said.

County Commissioner Shelly Pinkelman questioned why the state gets paid by the federal government to plant Jack Pine trees in wildfire danger areas. Stephenson said the

trees are planted to create habitat for the Kirtland's Warbler and those are the only trees that will grow in those areas of the county. He added that allowing the land to convert into prairie grass would create a greater wildfire danger.

County Commissioner Scott Hanson said he would like to see improved communication, warning residents of when they need to evacuate due to a wildfire and when they can return home after evacuation orders have been lifted.

County officials will also lobby the state to allow residents to place signs on state owned roads, indicating where their homes are located. Currently, state law prohibits the address signs on state roads even though residents have to use the roads to access their property.

Wigwam project gets green light from city parks and recreation committee

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Shoppenagon was a noted hunter, trapper and fishermen, who guided some of Grayling's first settlers on hunting and fishing outings. He also served as a representative for the local lumber industry.

Shoppenagon died in Grayling on Dec. 25, 1911, so this year would mark the 100th year of his passing.

Giessel said he was inspired to move forward with the wigwam project

after reading the book *David Shoppenagon & The Place Between the Rivers*. The book, authored by W.E. Tudor, details how Native Americans lived and traveled between the AuSable River and Manistee River as they did their hunting, fishing, trapping and trading.

"It talks about how sacred this land is," Giessel said. "It makes it special that we live here."

Giessel said he would like to build the wigwam, which will be 12 foot by 12 foot, as an activity with

tourists or with school children. Brooke Knight, a mathematics teacher at the Grayling High School who was recently appointed to the Grayling Parks and Recreation Committee, said she will try to coordinate the project with an age appropriate class studying Native American history.

"We can get the kids down there so they can have a hand in this and they can learn about what the history of the area is all about," Giessel said.

Giessel said he could

build the wigwam with canvas or more traditionally with ironwood branches covered by beech, cedar, and maple bark, saplings and cattails.

"The more stuff you put on it - the stronger it gets," he said.

Some Grayling Parks and Recreation Committee members and Grayling City Manager/Police Chief Doug Baum were concerned that the wigwam would be torn apart or trashed by youth who loiter near the back of the park.

"I hope this is going to be a great opportunity for the community and something that will get a lot of use," Baum said after voicing his concerns.

Chad Beckett, chairman of the Grayling Parks and Recreation committee and director of the City of Grayling Department of Public Works, said cameras already in place at the park could be used to monitor the wigwam.

The prospect of vandalism did not deter Giessel, who said he would get youth in the park

involved with the project.

"If something happens like that - it happens - but at least we gave it a shot," he said.

Giessel said that the wigwam would be built with two doors and could include windows so that police could see people in the structure during nighttime hours.

"We will work with you anyway we can," he said. "It will be traditional and the people will love it."

A sign will be placed by the wigwam, educating citizens and tourists on Chief Shoppenagon's involvement in the community.

Giessel said he has started planning a potential pow wow, which would be held on Memorial Day weekend next year, if city officials give their approval.

"Personally, I'd hate to miss out on this cultural opportunity and historical opportunity," said Heidi Farmer, a Grayling Parks and Recreation Committee member and a member on the Grayling City Council.

We Honor Military Expo and VA Stand Down to be held in Gaylord

The Northern Michigan Partnership for Veterans and Aleda E. Lutz Veterans Affairs Medical Center announce the "We Honor Military Expo and VA Stand Down" to be held on Sunday, Sept. 11, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Otsego County Fairgrounds, located at 895 N. Center Road in Gaylord.

All active duty military men and women, and Veterans and their families, are invited to attend this free celebration in honor of their sacrifice for our country. An opening program will include recognition and sharing of thanks for these sacrifices. The day's event will include information on VA benefits and enrollment, free health screenings,

educational booths, and presentations.

These event activities are sponsored by the American Red Cross and the Aleda E. Lutz VA Medical Center.

Activities will also include assistance and supplies for homeless Veterans, along with other free services and/or discounts offered through the generous support of area organizations and businesses. Food and refreshments will be available, along with musical entertainment for the day.

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- 1 - Central Office/Superintendent's Ofc./Bus. Ofc.
- 2 - Grayling High School
- 3 - Grayling Middle School
- 4 - Grayling Elementary School
- 5 - AuSable Primary School
- 6 - Transportation
- 7 - Alternative Education

If you have a rotary telephone, stay on the line and an operator will pick up. All extension numbers are four digit numbers and may be dialed direct by dialing 344 followed by the extension number. A complete listing of extension numbers is available on the last two pages of the district 2011-2012 calendar.

The Closing & Emergency Hotline may be accessed directly by dialing 344-3530 twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

SCHEDULE FOR OPENING WEEKS OF SCHOOL

School will be in session for all students Tuesday, September 6.

Employees will meet in district and building organizational meetings and professional development programming on Tuesday, August 30 - Thursday, September 1.

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ATTENTION NEW STUDENTS!

Parents are urged to register their children beginning the week of August 22, if they are new to the Crawford AuSable School District. Students new to the district can report to the building they will be attending from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday thru Friday. A current immunization record must be presented or contained in transfer records. At the elementary level, the building principal will assign the student to a classroom. At middle school and high school levels, the student will be assigned a counselor who will assign a class schedule after reviewing transferred records and meeting with the student to discuss goals, interests, and past successes. For this reason, although not mandatory, it is suggested that all new to the district high school students call ahead and make an appointment with high school counseling office secretary Teresa Bonamie at 344-3512.

Michigan Requires Immunization For School Entry

Michigan law prohibits a principal or teacher from admitting new entrants to school without a record of having received at least one dose of each: measles, mumps, rubella, polio, diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis. Records for all entering kindergarten students and students enrolled from outside the district will be reviewed to ensure immunizations are up to date. Notice will be sent to parents or guardians if there is no immunization record upon school entry or if records are incomplete. Students not in compliance with state immunization requirements will be excluded from school until documentation of immunization is presented. Parents may sign a waiver if they have a religious or other objection to immunization, or they may provide a statement of objection for medical reasons which has been signed by a physician. Michigan law requires that all students be immunized against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella. Immunization can be obtained from your physician or health department.

BUILDING USE BY OUTSIDE GROUPS

Persons or groups wishing to use school district facilities outside of the regular school day can call the Community Education Director at 344-3766. A building request form will be provided and if the request is approved, a contract will be completed. It is the policy of the district to charge a fee for such use. Fees are based upon the cost of utilities, materials, and personnel to the district and upon the type of group using the facility. Requests for building use must be filed at least ten days prior to the date requested. Classrooms, cafeteria, auditorium, and gymnasium are available for use. Requests for use during school hours must be processed through the building principal.

SCHEDULES

Building Start Times

The high school will start first, beginning at 8:10 a.m.
The middle school will start at 8:25 a.m., the AuSable Primary and Grayling Elementary 8:30 a.m.

First Day of School

Tuesday, September 6, 2011 - The first day of school will be a full day at all buildings. School will be in session for all students beginning Tuesday, September 6.

High School New Student Orientation

Thursday, September 1, 2011 - Orientation for high school freshmen, sponsored by the student council, will be held from 8:45 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. at Grayling High School.

Notice

Tuesday, August 30, 2011 - All school offices will be closed from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. All school employees will be in general school district meetings.

Daily Time Schedules

High School

1st Hour 8:10-9:20
Passing 9:20-9:27
2nd Hour 9:27-10:37

IF "A" LUNCH

A Lunch 10:37-11:02
Passing 11:02-11:09
3rd Hour 11:09-12:19

IF "B" LUNCH

Passing 10:37-10:44
3rd Hour 10:44-11:54
B Lunch 11:54-12:19
Passing 12:19-12:26
4th Hour 12:26-1:36
Passing 1:36-1:43
5th Hour 1:43-2:53

Middle School

Starting Time 8:25
Ending Time 3:08

Lunch Schedule:

"A" Lunch 11:39 - 12:04
"B" Lunch 12:09 - 12:34
"C" Lunch 12:40 - 1:05

Grayling Elementary School and AuSable Primary

8:30 a.m. - 3:18 p.m.

2011 - 2012 CALENDAR

August 30 - Sept. 1, 2011 - Teacher Organizational Meetings
September 6 - School Opens for All Students
October 19 - Parent/Teacher Conferences (HS) (Students Full Day)
Conference Hours: 5:00pm-8:00pm
November 1 - Staff Professional Development - NO SCHOOL
November 9 - Parent/Teacher Conferences (MS, GE, AP)
Students and HS Staff 1/2 Day. Conference Hours: 3:30pm-6:30pm
November 10 - Parent/Teacher Conferences (MS, GE, AP)
Students and HS Staff 1/2 Day. Conference Hours: 1:00pm-4:00pm
November 15 - Opening Day of Firearms Season - NO SCHOOL
November 24 and 25 - Thanksgiving vacation - NO SCHOOL
December 2 - End of First Trimester -
(Students 1/2 Day) Teacher Records P.M.
December 23 - Winter vacation Begins
January 3, 2012 - School Resumes
January 18 - Parent/Teacher Conferences - (HS) (Students full day)
Conference Hours: 5:00pm-8:00pm
February 17 - Staff Professional Development - NO SCHOOL
February 20 - Mid Winter Break - NO SCHOOL
March 2 - End of Second Trimester -
(Students 1/2 Day) Teacher Records P.M.
March 30 - Spring Vacation Begins - NO SCHOOL
April 10 - School Resumes
April 18 - Parent/Teacher Conferences (All Schools)
(All Students Full Day) Conference Hours: 3:30pm - 6:30pm
May 28 - Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL
June 7 - Last Day of School - Students 1/2 day - Teacher Records P.M.
1/2 DAY DISMISSAL TIMES: HS - 12:16PM,
MS - 12:30PM, AP/GE - 12:41PM

2011-2012 Bus Routes

Transportation Supervisor

Brian Hulbert, Transportation

Office: 344-3545

Cell: 942-6565

Due to route changes this year, pickup times are not listed. Also due to the large number of students riding the bus in the afternoon, your student may ride home on a different bus than in the morning. If your child rode the bus last year, the Transportation Department will contact you; otherwise, if this will affect your child, they will be informed on their morning route. Please call Brian Hulbert with any questions or concerns.

DOG - First Pick Up 6:20; Emily Lane, Fletcher Rd, Military Rd, 7 Mile Rd, 5 Mile Rd, Beaver Rd, Oak Rd, King Rd, Margrethe Blvd

EAGLE - (includes part of last year's Rabbit route) First Pick Up 6:45; Old-27-Bradford Lake, Twin Peaks, Hulbert Rd, Kolka Creek Rd, Frederic, May Lake, 612, Batterson

RABBIT - (K-8/afternoon route only) Isenhauser Rd, Roberts Rd, Clough Subdivision, Wellington Rd, Airport Rd, High School

DINOSAUR - First Pick Up 6:20; Peterson Rd, Babbitt Rd, Sherman Rd, House Rd, White Rd, 612, Feldhauser Rd, Roberts Rd, East Side of Frederic

SHARK - First Pick Up 6:15; 4 Mile Rd, Stephan Bridge Rd, Pere Cheney Rd, 5 Mile Rd, S Grayling Rd, Dort Rd, Oak Rd, Fletcher Rd, 7 Mile Rd

PANDA - First Pick Up at 6:20; North Down River Rd east of Stephan Bridge Rd, Wakeley Bridge Rd, Connors Flat, M-72, Thendara

ZEBRA - First Pick Up 7:00; Evergreen, Old Dam Rd, AuSable Trail, Karen Woods

DOLPHIN - First Pick Up 6:30; Manistee River Rd, Goose Creek & Riverview, Tamarack, McIntyre Landing, Danish Landing, Karen Woods

LION - First Pick Up 6:20; North Down & Wakeley Bridge Rd, Timber Trail Rd, Lovells Rd, 612, Lovells Town, 612, K.P. Lake Rd, M-93

PENGUIN - First Pick Up 6:40; M-72 East of Town, Stephan Bridge Rd, North Down River Rd, Whirlpool, Richardson Rd, Headquarters Rd, Glen Orbit, Isenhauser Rd

PIG - First Pick Up 7:00; Wilcox Bridge Rd, Jones Lake Rd, Red Tailed Hawk Loop, Mobile Estates

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Runners leave the starting line during the 2011 Hanson Hills Endurance Trail Run, a 6.7-mile race, on Saturday, Aug. 20.

GRA ends race series with 7-mile trail run

31 runners compete in Saturday's event at Hanson Hills

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

Grayling Recreation Authority (GRA) finished its 2011 series of foot races with the Hanson Hills Endurance Trail Run on Saturday, an event that featured 31 competitors this year.

"That's good for this one – about average," said Justin Andre, Director of Operations for GRA. "We're getting a lot of new faces, which is good."

The course for Saturday's trail run was "6.7 miles on a single-track mountain bike trail," Andre said.

He described the course as being "rolling" and "hilly" with "a little bit of everything." The trail run's course sent competitors through thick forest areas and up and down several steep inclines.

Alex Chappars was the overall winner with a final time of 0:40:02. Shawn Oppliger won the female division with a time of 0:54:16.

The Endurance Trail Run was GRA's final race in its annual series. The series also included the GRA 10K – an event held in July during the AuSable River Festival that featured more than 100 runners – and the Hanson Hills Challenge Trail Run, a five-mile race held in June.

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Hanson Hills Endurance Trail Run

List of results
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Skip Christian and Jennifer Gailitis navigate one of the course's steep hills during Saturday's Endurance Trail Run.

Photos by Caleb Casey

Golf team strives for return trip to state finals

Squad has 6 of 7 back from last year's state qualifier group

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

They're striving for another state finals berth. The Grayling High School varsity girls golf team earned a trip to the state finals last year with a second place finish at regionals, and this year's group includes six players from that squad.

"Our biggest strength this year as a team is that we're returning six out of our seven girls from last year's state finals team," Coach Scott Baker said. "Focus and leadership on the team by everyone should take us a long ways this season."

This year's team roster includes (with grade): Heather Ruddy, 12; Whitney Schans, 10; Angie Rouston, 11; Natalie Woodley, 10; Elle Smith, 10; Logan Miller, 10; Kaitlin Adamski, 12; Sofia Hernandez, 12; Carly Duncley, 11.

See **GOLF TEAM** | Pg. 5B



Natalie Woodley hits a ball at the driving range at the Grayling Country Club on Monday, Aug. 15.

Photo by Caleb Casey



Carson Burmeister shoots the ball at practice on Thursday, Aug. 18.

Soccer Preview

The Grayling High School boys soccer program has a new coach and a new home field this year.

Nate Alyas is the team's new coach. Alyas played soccer in Europe and has been an assistant coach; this is his first stint as a head coach for varsity high school soccer, he said.

The squad started its official practices on Wednesday, Aug. 10, and the team's first games are slated for this week. **PAGE 2B**



Tyler Powers plays the ball off his chest during last Thursday's practice.



Stanna Dorn serves during Friday's volleyball tournament at Roscommon.

Volleyball Preview

They didn't have much time to prepare for their first tournament, but they should have plenty of time to prepare for their second one.

Grayling High School's varsity volleyball team started tryouts on Wednesday, Aug. 10, practiced for about a week, and played its first tournament of the season last Friday; however, the team doesn't have another scheduled meet until mid-September. **PAGE 4B**



Rachel Cooper hits the ball for Grayling vs. Roscommon on Friday morning.

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Nick Wells, left, dribbles the ball during Thursday's soccer practice. Evan Kornell, right, settles an airborne ball at practice.



Vikings prepare for season with new coach, new field

Soccer squad to open year with three games this week

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

The Grayling High School boys soccer program has a new coach and a new home field this year.

Nate Alyas is the team's new coach. Alyas played soccer in Europe and has been an assistant coach; this is his first stint as a head coach for varsity high school soccer, he said.

The squad started its official practices on Wednesday, Aug. 10, and the team's first games are slated for this week.

The Vikings will play their home games at the Crawford AuSable Soccer Association field, which is located at the Crawford

County Fairgrounds, instead of at the football stadium at Grayling High School.

Eric Tunney, GHS Athletic Director, said the change will allow for "a bigger field rather than trying to cram it into the football field. We're going to try it out this year and see how it goes."

The field does not have a scoreboard yet but one should be installed at some point during the season, Tunney said. Also, the field did not have any bleachers for spectators as of Monday, Aug. 22; Tunney said they would be installed on Aug. 23.

Admission prices and procedures — the school plans to have a representative checking passes and selling tickets at the gate, Tunney said — are not expected to be significantly different than if the games were played at Viking

Stadium.

Coach Alyas said the team has been steadily improving during the pre-season.

"They're getting better and better," Coach Alyas said. "It looks like a solid team right now, a lot better than when we started."

"So far we've made a lot of adjustments, did a lot of different positions than last year," Coach Alyas said. "I taught them how to change game tactics, how to play offense, how to push back and play defense, how to change the ball from one side to the other side."

The team's first game of the season was slated for Tuesday, Aug. 23, vs. Ogemaw Heights (results not available before press time). The Vikings will play at Oscoda on Wednesday, Aug. 24, and at Gaylord on Friday, Aug. 26. The Oscoda game is scheduled

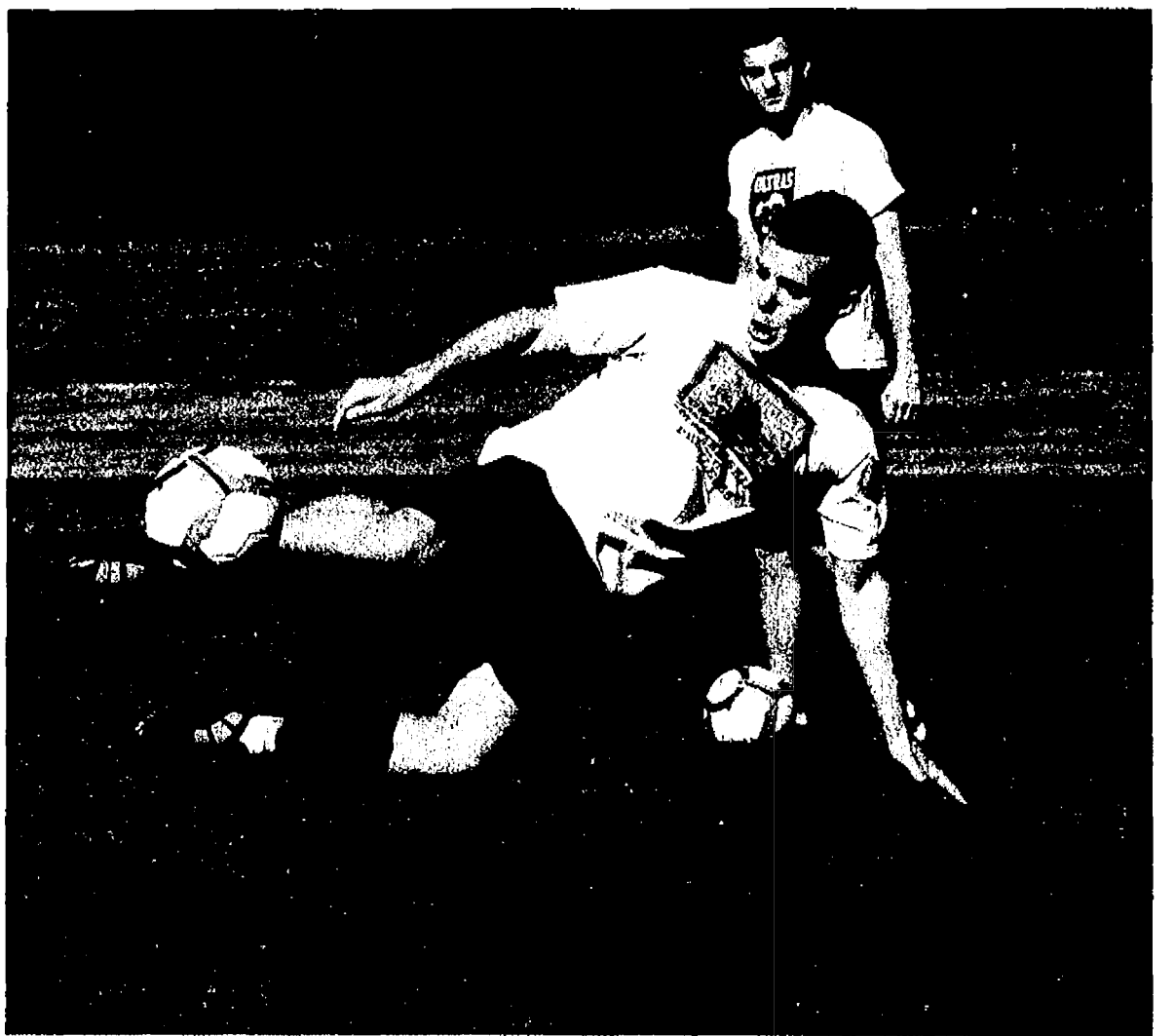
for 5 p.m. and the Gaylord match is set for 6 p.m. All three opponents are nonconference schools. The squad's Lake Michigan Conference opener will be at Kalkaska on Monday, Aug. 29, at 5 p.m.

Coach Alyas said his team took part in two scrimmage games in an effort to get ready — the squad posted one tie and one loss — and he's optimistic the Vikings will have success this year.

"I think we're going to have a good season," Coach Alyas said. "We're going to have a solid team."

One point of emphasis for the squad this year is to play well vs. all opponents.

"We're not going to underestimate any team," Coach Alyas said. "My goal is to have a good season, take the team to districts and move forward, but first we have to pass all the teams we're playing."



Photos by Caleb Casey

Trevor Dewitt kicks an airborne ball into the goal during last Thursday's soccer practice at the fairgrounds.

Grayling Country Club News

by Roxanne James
Tuesday Ladies League

We ended the second half of Tuesday Morning Ladies Golf League at the Grayling Country Club with Carlene McMurtre and JoAnn Michal winning the first place position. Next week

Carlene and JoAnn will have a playoff against Mickey Perez and Debi Bonkoski for the overall championship of 2011. The rest of us will come out and play a nice round of golf for fun.

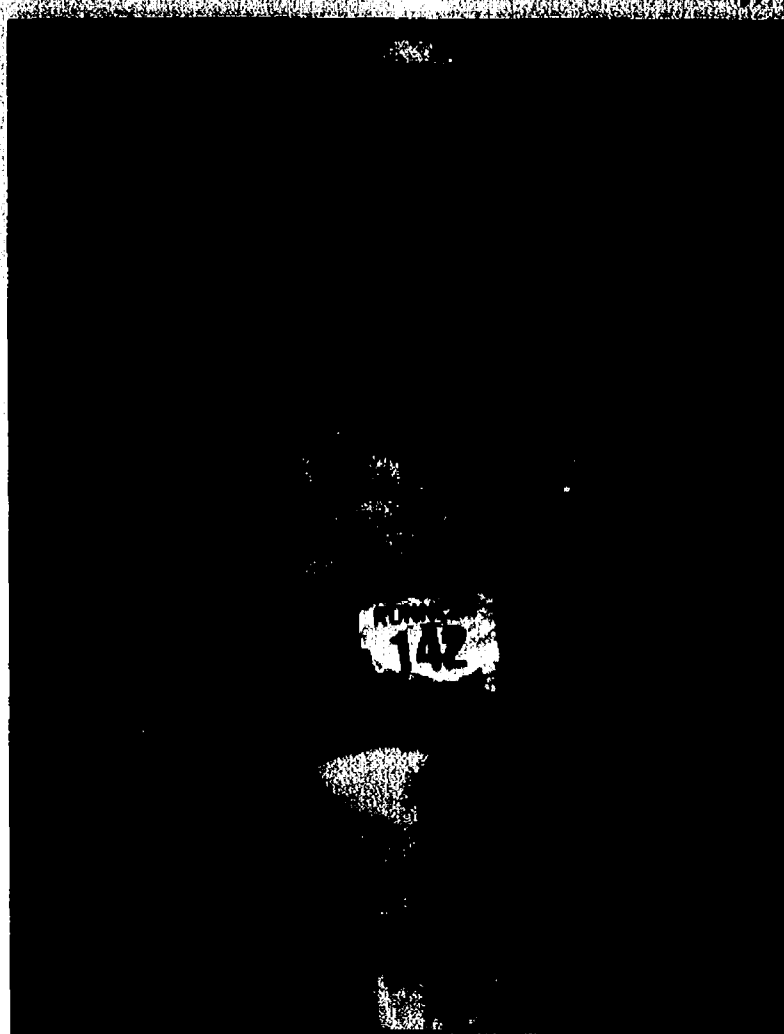
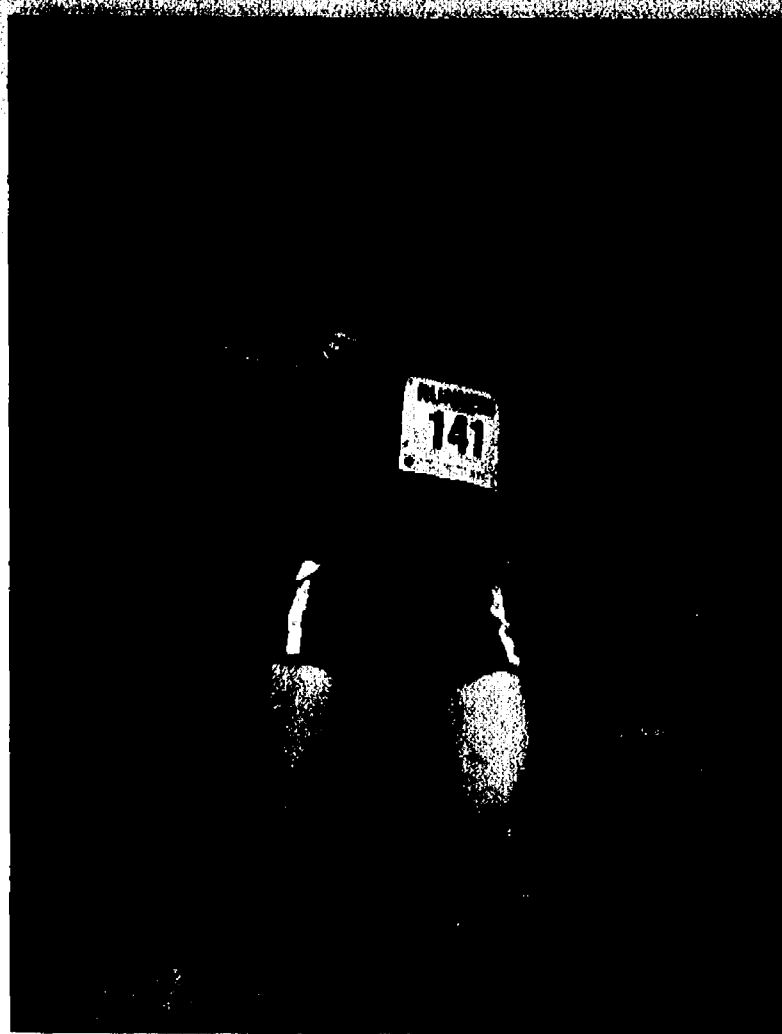
JoAnn Michal was

putting with a hot putter today; she won low putts with 27 in all, and had a birdie on #16, winning one skin. Debi Bonkoski chipped in on #1, having the only chip-in, winning \$11. Katy McNamara had two skins on holes #2 and #13 and Roxanne James birdied for a skin on hole #12 and had a skin on hole #4.

The league season is coming to an end but we will still be playing until snow, so if you want to play golf with friendly ladies and have a good time making new friends, call the Grayling Country Club at 98-348-5618 and come on out and join us.



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Alex Chappars, left, overall male division winner, and Shawn Oppliger, right, winner of the female division, run down one of the course's hills during Saturday's trail run.

GRA ends race series with 7-mile trail run

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Hanson Hills will host at least one more foot race – Run For River House, a fundraiser event slated for 9 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 3, that will feature a 5K run and a one-mile “fun run.” GRA will not be conducting the race – it’s River House’s event – but some GRA race officials plan to help as needed.

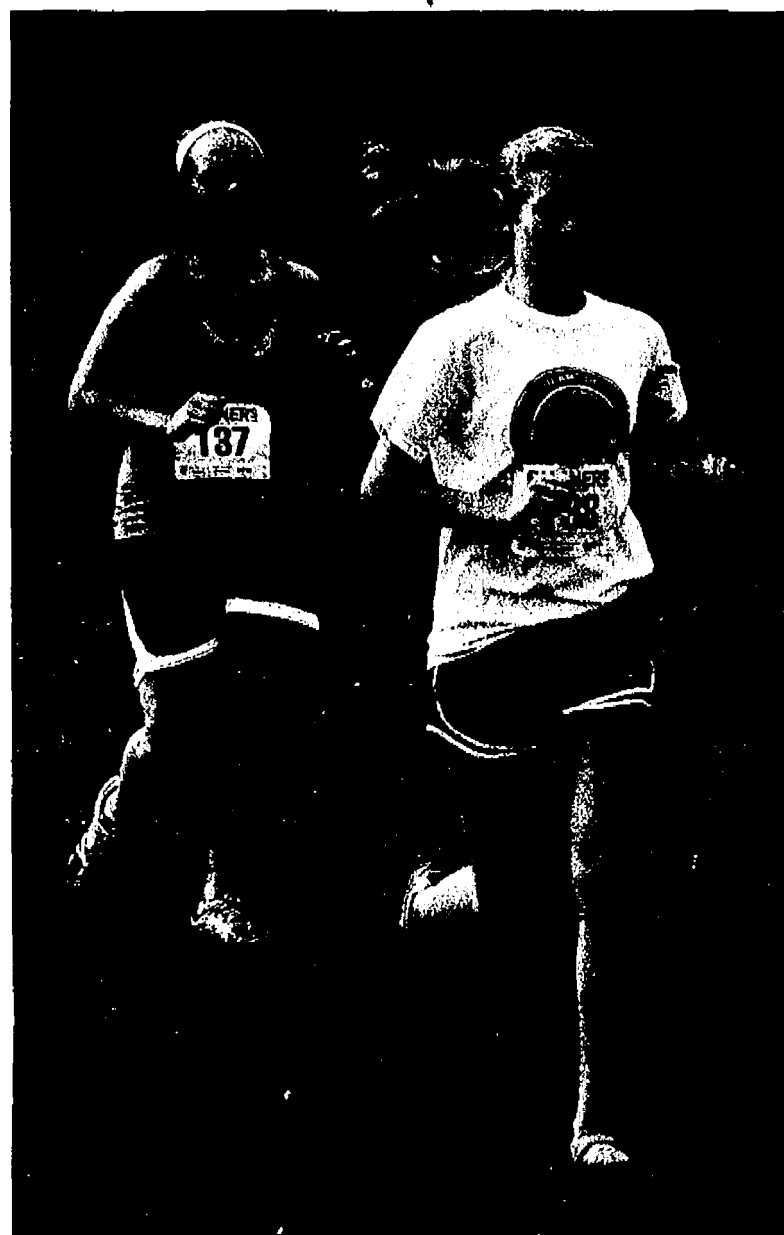
“River House, Inc. is a nonprofit agency that serves victims and survivors of homelessness, domestic abuse and sexual violence in four northern Michigan counties,” including Crawford County, according to the facility’s website.

A registration form for the River House race is available on the Internet at www.hansonhills.org.

Endurance Trail Run Results

Overall Male		Mike Hood	1:03:37
Alex Chappars	0:40:02	Skip Christian	1:07:19
Overall Female		Jay Gallitis	1:12:23
Shawn Oppliger	0:54:16	40-49 Female	
15-19 Male		Amy Short	0:57:12
Curtis Wilson	0:56:33	50-59 Male	
Kenneth Cooper	1:04:58	Steve Seager	0:48:42
15-19 Female		Timothy Kopacka	0:51:17
Josie Short	0:57:05	Greg Mills	0:51:42
Tessa Cryderman	1:28:12	Alan Jarvie	0:53:50
Meghan McNeill	1:28:13	Steve Anderson	0:56:24
30-39 Male		Jim Gardiner	0:56:45
Eric Rooney	1:20:10	Dave Clary	0:59:03
30-39 Female		Joseph Jozefiak	0:59:21
Jennifer Gallitis	1:07:04	John Cooper	1:07:03
Kendra Rooney	1:20:09	Tim Chappars	1:10:21
40-49 Male		Ray Pilon	1:18:06
Brian Flynn	0:53:56	60+ Male	
Jay Sattler	0:56:17	Michael Greer	0:58:28
Quentin Miller	0:58:00	Len Wyatt	1:16:23
Ray Collins	1:01:09		

Results courtesy of GRA



Photos by Caleb Casey

Tessa Cryderman, right, and Meghan McNeill, left, approach the finish line.



Steve Seager, left, and Jay Gallitis, right, run down a steep hill during the 2011 Hanson Hills Endurance Trail Run on Saturday.

Softball



Eight girls from Grayling played on traveling softball squads – they represented four different teams in two different programs – this summer. Chrissy Bonamie played for the 12U Moran Iron Works Vulcans based out of Onaway; it was her second year in the program. Meagan Malm played for the 14U Vulcans, her third year with the team. Madl Junttila, Andrea Malm, and Kara Malm all played for the 16U Vulcans, all in their first year in the program. Hannah Golinick, Josey Hinkle, and Cierra Prosser all played for the Michigan Gold Rush, which is a 14U team based out of Coleman. It was Hannah’s second year playing travel ball and Josey and Cierra’s first. Pictured (L to R): Golinick, M. Malm, A. Malm, Bonamie, Junttila, K. Malm, Hinkle. Not pictured: Prosser.

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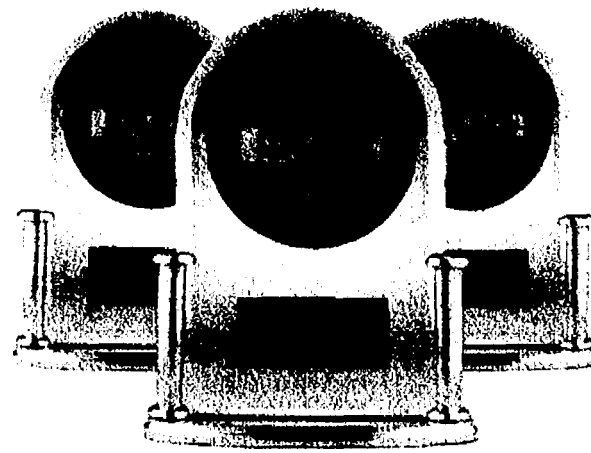
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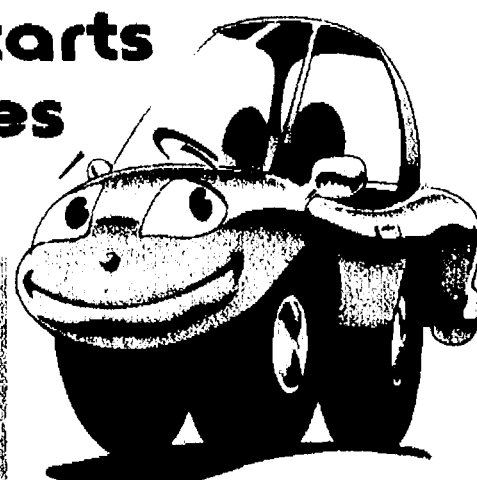
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Cierra Prosser, left, serves for Grayling vs. Roscommon on Friday. Shanley Dorn, right, hits the ball for the Vikings during the Roscommon tournament.

Volleyball team gets ready quick for season opener

Vikings to play their next meets in mid-September

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

They didn't have much time to prepare for their first tournament, but they should have plenty of time to prepare for their second one.

Grayling High School's varsity volleyball team started tryouts on Wednesday, Aug. 10, practiced for about a week, and played its first tournament of the season last Friday; however, the team doesn't have another scheduled meet until mid-September.

"Practice has been going OK. We have our first game on Friday and we just decided teams this past Friday," Coach Jessica Szymoniak said last week. "A very quick start for us, but we have a break. The Roscommon tournament is a good indication on how we will do this year."

(The team posted a second place finish in the tournament at Roscommon on Friday, Aug. 19.)

The team didn't have much time to prepare for the Roscommon tournament, but the players were able to get some work in over the course of the summer.

"We put on a skills camp here at the high school for grades 5-12. The kids went to Northern Michigan University and were camp champs, beating a couple

Class A schools. We attended Ferris State University's Team Challenge and won our division," Coach Szymoniak said. "The kids saw what they needed to work on and prepare for the season, plus I was able to bring some younger kids to get an upper level experience to take back to the JV level for leadership."

Coach Szymoniak said leadership, defense, and hitting are the varsity team's strengths so far.

"I have some great leaders this year and the team is focused more than ever. They want nothing but their best," Coach Szymoniak said. "We have some strong hitters and our defense should be pretty quick."

"Communication is something we need to work on, calling the ball," Coach Szymoniak said.

The varsity volleyball squad's next scheduled meet is a home series vs. Harbor Springs on Tuesday, Sept. 13, at 6 p.m. The team plays at Kalkaska on Thursday, Sept. 15, at 6 p.m. Harbor Springs and Kalkaska are both Lake Michigan Conference opponents.

"We have a tough conference, but the kids want to be in the top three and I think we can surprise some teams this year. We want to take first in tournaments and at



Josie Swander tosses the ball up for a serve vs. the Bucks on Friday morning.

least come out of every pool," Coach Szymoniak said. "We want to defend our home court better, serve

over 90 percent in a game, and win. Our team motto is 'Play to Win, Don't Play Not to Lose!'"

Grayling Country Club News

by Donna Thomson

Wednesday Ladies League

The Wednesday Ladies

League had a fun round of golf on Aug. 17. The sun came out and there was a nice breeze for us. Today was our last rain make-up day which we didn't have to use so we just played a nice game of scrambles.

Lucky gals coming in first

with a 39 was the team of Marilyn Hartman, Gloria Neilson and Balkis Shippy.

In 2nd place with a 41 was the team of Shelly Cohee, Kay Ellen King and JoAnn Michal.

In 3rd place was the team of Ann Latusek, Mickey

Perez and Judy Williamson, but I didn't get their score.

Another special event today was the chip-in pot of a few weeks, taken by Shirley Young. She is getting to be the chip-in queen of Wednesday golf.

After a lunch of steak salad or a Monte Cristo sandwich and a side, or potato soup, we then had our election of officers. Ballots were passed around and after the voting this is the result: new on the board for next year, after a tight race are Mo McNamara and Deb Periard and the new person on the golf committee is Pat Kennedy.

The new board had a short board meeting and new positions will be announced next week.

A few of us went back out to enjoy the day! Our course has been in great shape this year. A lot of dead tree limbs were removed and scrub bushes cleared away, making our course very enjoyable.

That's all "fore" now.

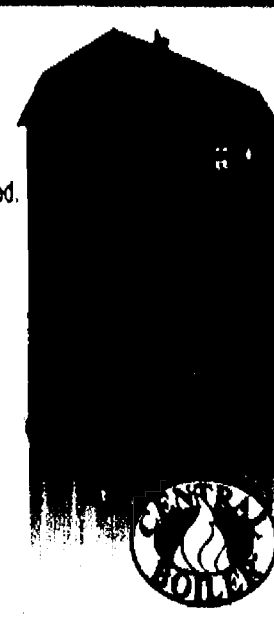
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Whitney Schans, left, and Angie Rouston, right, hit golf balls at the Grayling Country Club's driving range on Monday, Aug. 15.

Golf team strives for return trip to state finals

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Ruddy, Schans, Rouston, Woodley, Smith, and Miller are the six returners from last year's state finals squad. Hernandez is an exchange student from Mexico.

The team started its official practices on Wednesday, Aug. 10, and its first meet was slated for Aug. 17 at Cheboygan.

"Early practices are always a challenge trying to get everyone on the team on the same page as far as team guidelines, practice schedules, early season matches and so forth," Coach Baker said. "Our overall numbers are up slightly from a year ago with 10 total golfers this season, thus allowing us to play six varsity players and an additional four girls as a JV squad."

"Our primary focus this

early in the season is the basic fundamentals of golf such as keeping your eye on the ball, following through with every shot, getting off the tee, chipping, and putting," Coach Baker said. "Since most girls don't golf regularly throughout the summer, the biggest challenge having a meet so early in the season generally seems to be the girls' short game - chipping and putting."

"The main thing that we need to focus on from week to week throughout the golf season is consistency. Generally, by about week three or four of the season, around the time school begins, the girls are beginning to gain that consistency on the course through playing every day," Coach Baker said. "A weakness for our

team is probably seen most in the putting area, so I will place a big emphasis on this the first couple of weeks of the season."

Coach Baker said the team hopes to make it to the state finals for a second consecutive season and compete for a league title in the Lake Michigan Conference. "Our expectations have been set high this season as always and we plan a return trip to the state finals in mid-October. Our team goal is not only to advance to the state finals, but to place first at our own regional meet. My goal as a coach is to have our six varsity girls continue to improve throughout the season and to be golfing better rounds toward the end of the season," Coach Baker said.

"We only have a couple of

teams from our conference that we golf against throughout the entire season, so our team expects to finish on top each and every time that we golf against them," Coach Baker said.

The Vikings will compete in the Petoskey Invitational on Sept. 8.

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Parcel 1: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West; thence North 0 degrees 49 minutes West (along the East Section line) 657.90 feet; thence South 88 degrees 08 minutes 15 seconds West, 1499.82 feet; thence North 0 degrees 53 minutes 18 seconds West 33 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 88 degrees 08 minutes 15 seconds West 16.5 feet; thence North 0 degrees 53 minutes 18 seconds West 624.84 feet; thence North 88 degrees 08 minutes 30 seconds East 16.5 feet; thence South 0 degrees 53 minutes 18 seconds East 624.84 feet to the point of beginning, being part of the North 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West. Being the same more or less but subject to all legal highways.

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Northeast corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West; thence West 12 rods to the point of beginning; thence South 38 rods; thence West 8 rods; thence North 38 rods; thence East 8 rods to the point of beginning. Being the same more or less but subject to all legal highways.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights.

Dated: August 25, 2011
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
File No. 285.3757

-25-1-8-15

NOTICE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jason G. Brigham, a married man and Mara L. Brigham, his wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 21, 2005 and recorded April 22, 2005 in Liber 675, Page 112, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Bank of America, N.A., as successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, L.P. FKA Countrywide Home Loans Servicing L.P. by assignment. There is claimed to be

due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Three Thousand Two Hundred Three and 24/100 Dollars (\$83,203.24) including interest at 6.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on SEPTEMBER 28, 2011.

Said premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 46, except the East 23.9 feet and all of Lot 47, Clough's Highland Acres, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 65, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights.

Dated: August 25, 2011
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
File No. 617.7489

-25-1-8-15

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a

mortgage made by Jack A. Ray and Yvonne L. Ray, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated October 28, 2005 and recorded November 3, 2005 in Liber 678, Page 242, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by GMAC Mortgage, LLC by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Eight and 1/100 Dollars (\$55,228.01) including interest at 6.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on SEPTEMBER 28, 2011.

Said premises are located in the Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Township of Lovells, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and described as follows:

The South 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 26, Town 27 North, Range 1 West.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights.

Dated: August 25, 2011
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
File No. 618.9989

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NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE
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NOTICE
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Crawford County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: August 18, 2011 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 617-502-4134 File No. 293.0791 -18-25-1-8

NOTICE

FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Willard J. Chipman and Michelle M. Chipman, Husband and Wife to Northwestern Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated August 6, 2007 and recorded August 10, 2007 in Liber 688 Page 61 Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Six Dollars and Twenty-Seven Cents (\$135,006.27) including interest 7.375% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Crawford County at 10:00AM on September 21, 2011 Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 213 and 214, Twin Peaks No. 1, Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 03 of Plats, Page 35. Crawford County Records. Commonly known as 6092 Winterport, Frederic MI 49733 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later. Dated: 8/18/2011 Northwestern Mortgage Company Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 11-43237

-18-2-1-85

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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Town 28 North, Range 4 West, thence South 01 degrees 34 minutes 30 seconds West along the North-South 1/4 line, 333.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 37 minutes 30 seconds West 341.81 feet for a point of beginning; thence continuing South 89 degrees 37 minutes 30 seconds West 211.69 feet to the bank of the Ausable River; thence South 26 degrees 42 minutes 12 seconds West along the bank and traverse line (next 5 courses) 155.65 feet; thence South 75 degrees 47 minutes 35 seconds West 88.62 feet; thence South 47 degrees 18 minutes 54 seconds West 126.03 feet; thence South 80 degrees 11 minutes 52 seconds West 128.48 feet; thence South 04 degrees 45 minutes 07 seconds East 66.33 feet; thence North 89 degrees 37 minutes 30 seconds East 573.59 feet; thence North 01 degrees 20 minutes East 331.94 feet to the point of beginning, and containing 3.7 acres more or less to the Ausable River. Subject to a County Road right-of-way over the Easterly side thereof. Further subject to: Restrictions, Reservations, Agreements and Easements, if any. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: August 25, 2011 For more information, please call: FC S (248) 593-1304 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #304719F02

-25-1-8-15

NOTICE OF SALE

Default has been made in the condition of a certain mortgage made the 24th day of January, 2008, by AuSable LLC to Northwestern Bank, and recorded on January 28, 2008, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Crawford County, Michigan, in Liber 690, Page 84, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice SIX HUNDRED FIFTY-NINE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT AND 43/100 DOLLARS (\$659,428.43) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity has been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale contained in said mortgage has become operative by reason of such default.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on September 28, 2011, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon in the lobby of the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five (\$75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

PARCEL "B-2": Being part of the NW1/4 of the NW1/4 of Section 20, Town 26 North, Range 1 West, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan, Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 20, T26N,R1W; thence S02°45'46"E along the West Section line 407.87 feet for a Point of Beginning; thence N89°37'1"E 706.39 feet; thence N70°39'01"E 317.68 feet to a point on the West bank of the South Branch of the AuSable River; thence S05°36'44"E along the West Bank (next 5 courses) and intermediate traverse line 283.74 feet; thence N71°38'48"W 243.83 feet; thence S67°49'04"W 124.40 feet; thence S55°39'47"W 199.99 feet; thence S02°42'07"W 113.58 feet; thence S88°06'38"W 279.80 feet; thence S02°45'46"E (parallel with the West Section line) 200.00 feet; thence S89°43'25"W (parallel with the North Section line) 218.80 feet to the West Section line; thence N02°45'46"W along said West Section line 579.63 feet to the Point of Beginning. Parcel extends to the center of the South Branch of the AuSable River with riparian rights thereto. Subject to the correlative rights of other riparian landowners and rights of the public and of any governmental unit in any part thereof lying beneath the waters of the South Branch of the AuSable River. TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO: Easements for ingress and egress recorded in Liber 209, Pages 401-404 and Liber 132, Pages 473 and Liber 24, Pages 419-420 and Liber 293, Page 311, Crawford County Records. SUBJECT TO: Easements in Liber 295, Page 362 and Liber 421, Page 135, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be one (1) year from date of sale; provided, however, that if the subject premises are heretofore or hereafter conclusively presumed to have

been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, the applicable period for redemption shall be thirty (30) days from said date, or otherwise shortened, in accordance with that statute.

Dated: August 18, 2011

NORTHWESTERN BANK Mortgagee CALCUTT ROGERS & BOYNTON by: Christopher G. Rogers (P73695) 109 E. Front Street, Suite 300 Traverse City, MI 49684

-25-1-8-15

MORTGAGE SALE

This is an attempt to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage made by JERRY BALMES, a single man, Mortgagor, to INDEPENDENT MORTGAGE CO. CENTRAL MI, having its principal office at 4200 East Bellline, Grand Rapids, MI 49525, Mortgagee, dated September 25, 2006 and recorded September 28, 2006 in Liber 683 of Mortgages, Page 450 and modified Liber 683 on Page 997 which was assigned to INDEPENDENT BANK of 4200 East Bellline, Grand Rapids, Michigan, by Assignment recorded in Liber 704, Page 829. By reason of such default the undersigned elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of said mortgage due and payable forthwith.

At the date of this Notice there is claimed to be due for principal and interest on said mortgage the sum of SEVENTY THREE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY THREE and 23/100 (\$73,993.23) dollars including interest at the rate of 4.875% per annum. No suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided and to pay said amount with interest as provided in said mortgage, and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including attorney fees allowed by law, said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises at public vendue to the highest bidder at the lobby of the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, the place of holding the Circuit Court within the County of Crawford, City of Grayling, Michigan, on September 21, 2011, at 10:00 a.m., local time.

Pursuant to Public Act No. 104, Public Acts of 1971 [MCLA 600.3240(8), MSA 27A.3240(8)] the redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of the foreclosure sale, unless the property is determined to be abandoned under MCLA 600.3241a; MSA 27A.3241(1), in which case the property may be redeemed during the 30 days immediately following the sale or expiration of statutory notice period.

The premises covered by said mortgage are situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, described as follows, to wit: Lot 81 of Sherwood Forest No. 2, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, on Page 15.

INDEPENDENT BANK, Assignee of INDEPENDENT MORTGAGE CO. CENTRAL MI

SCHENK, BONCHER & RYPMA CURTIS D. Rypma P44421 601 Three Mile Road, N.W. Grand Rapids, MI 49544-1601 (616) 647-8277

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTENTION PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In the event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a Mortgage made by RAYMOND L. HOUGHTON and KATHY MICHELLE HOUGHTON as Mortgagors, to NORTHLAND AREA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION as Mortgagee, which mortgage is dated April 14, 2009, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Crawford

County, Michigan, on April 21, 2009, in Liber 695 at Page 836, and upon which Mortgage is claimed to be due on the date of this notice the sum of \$73,045.00, and no suit or proceedings at law or equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of a power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and pursuant to the Statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, September 21, 2011, at 10 a.m., at the front door of the Crawford County Building in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, that being the place for holding Circuit Court for the County of Crawford where the premises are situated, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, for the purpose of satisfying the amount due and unpaid upon said mortgage, with the interest thereon at 5.75 percent per annum, together with legal costs, charges and expenses of sale, including applicable attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee on or before the date of said sale which may be necessary to protect its interest in the premises. The land and premises in said mortgage, being situated in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and described as follows:

Lots 1 and 2, Block 20, Roffee's Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 11, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless the premises are determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241(a), in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

DATED: July 18, 2011 Paul E. Wenzloff (P27662) Attorney for Mortgagee 903 N. Jackson Street Bay City, MI 48708 (989) 893-9511

-4-11-18-24

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 7, Block 11, Original Plat to the Village (now City) of Grayling, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 2, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: August 11, 2011 For more information, please call: FC S (248) 593-1304 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #297425F02

-11-18-24-1

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Harry T. Love, unmarried, original mortgagor(s), to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Mortgagee, dated May 27, 2005, and recorded on June 1, 2005 in Liber 675 on Page 697, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Seven and 41/100 Dollars (\$48,597.41), including interest at 6.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on September 28, 2011.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The West 1/2 of Lots 7 and 8, Block 6, Hadley's Amended Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 8, Crawford County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: August 25, 2011 For more information, please call: FC S (248) 593-1304 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #362221F02

-25-1-8-15

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Andrew W. Miller and Janna Lee Marie Miller, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated December 15, 2005, and recorded on December 16, 2005 in Liber 679 on Page 40, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Three and 87/100 Dollars (\$40,953.87), including interest at 6.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on September 7, 2011.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 3 and 4, Block 5, Brown and Johnson Addition to the Village of Frederic. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: August 4, 2011 For more information, please call: FC D (248) 593-1309 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #372317F01

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate
Estate of JAMES L. SORENSON
Date of birth: March 7, 1943.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, JAMES L. SORENSON, who lived at 6794 COUNTY RD. 612 GRAYLING, Michigan died June 21, 2011. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to TERRY SORENSON, named personal representative at 48169 FULLER RD. CHESTERFIELD, MI within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date August 19, 2011

Personal Representative
TERRY SORENSON
48169 FULLER RD.
CHESTERFIELD, MI 48051
(586) 980-9769

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to Kim I. Peckat and James Peckat, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 7230 W 5 Mile Rd, Grayling, MI 49738-8073.

The Borrower has the right to request a meeting with the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. The agent designated by the Mortgage Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder to contact and that has authority to make agreements under MCL sections 600.3205b and 600.3205c is: Trott & Trott, P.C., 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200, Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525 at (248) 593-1309

The Borrower may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority's website or by calling the Michigan State Housing Development Authority at <http://www.michigan.gov/mshda> or at (866) 946-7432.

If the Borrower requests a meeting with the agent designated above by contacting an approved housing counselor within 14 days from August 19, 2011, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after August 19, 2011.

If the Borrower and the agent designated above reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if the Borrower abides by the terms of the agreement.

The Borrower has the right to contact an attorney. The telephone number of the State Bar of Michigan's Lawyer Referral Service is (800) 968-0738. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT.

ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Date: August 25, 2011

For more information, please call: FC D (248) 593-1309
Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525
File # 375225F01

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

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NOTICE is hereby provided to Jo Ann Foerster and Melody Robinson, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 7586 Lovells Rd, Grayling, MI 49738-9205.

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Notice of Public Hearing

The Grayling Charter Township Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on Thursday, September 1, 2011, at 10 a.m., at the Town Hall to take public comments on the proposed "Grayling Charter Township Administrative Ordinance."

The public is encouraged to attend this meeting to voice their comments.

ORDINANCE 2011-01, GRAYLING CHARTER TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCE

Supervisor's salary and statutory duties,
Superintendent's salary and Superintendent's job description

An ordinance to delineate the duties of the Grayling Charter Township Supervisor and Superintendent during the transition from fulltime supervisor with all the inherent administrative duties as assigned by the board of trustees, to a part time supervisor with only statutory duties, and to assign all administrative duties previously held by the supervisor to the superintendent, and to set the salaries of each.

Section 1, ORDINANCE TITLE

This ordinance shall be known and cited as the Grayling Charter Township Administrative Ordinance.

Section 2, LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS

It is hereby determined that the Grayling Charter Township Board of Trustees, as individuals and as a collective, desire that the daily administrative duties currently performed by the fulltime supervisor be transferred to a fulltime superintendent. Those duties are described herein under Superintendent's Job Description (Section 3). Further, it has been determined that the duties of the supervisor be reduced to include only those statutorily assigned by Michigan law.

It is hereby determined that appropriate wages and salaries be set by the Grayling Charter Township Board of Trustees for the performance of duties by the supervisor and superintendent once the administrative transition has been completed, but no sooner than the effective date of this ordinance.

Section 3, SUPERINTENDENT'S JOB DESCRIPTION

A. Scope, Effect and Complexity

The purpose of the Superintendent's position is to administer the overall operation of service from Grayling Charter Township to the citizens and residents of the township, and is inclusive of all applicable duties as described in MCL 42.10, plus such specific and implied duties as assigned by the Grayling Charter Township Board of Trustees. Successful performance of this position will include various duties in all phases of public administration which will facilitate the successful performance of all township departments, enhances provided services to the general public, and enhances the public image of Grayling Charter Township.

Guidelines for successful performance include board policies, procedures and directives, township ordinances, applicable state and federal laws, and the interpretation and implementation of each utilizing a best practices, public service and business approach.

The superintendent works in terms of goals and objectives as determined through board policies and procedures, and will be evaluated on the successful implementation of such.

Statutory duties as described in law for the supervisor, clerk, treasurer, trustees and constable are not duties assigned to the superintendent.

B. Specific Duties as pertaining to Grayling Charter Township

1. **Board Representative** - The superintendent will be directly accountable to the Grayling Charter Township Board of Trustees. The superintendent will represent the board to the public, and will further report to the board at all board meetings by setting the board agenda and appearing before the board with expert testimony on all agenda items including monthly budget reports. The superintendent will make such expert recommendations to the township board for their consideration as is necessary or expedient. The superintendent will further be a non-voting member of all committees organized by the township board. The superintendent will represent the board in the negotiation, design, implementation and operation of inter-governmental agreements, such as the agreements currently shared by the township and city for fire protection and cemetery services.

2. **Personnel Director** - The superintendent will oversee the work of all non-elected personnel, in all departments, to ensure maximum service and productivity. As such, the superintendent will have the authority to prepare and assign work schedules, maintain personnel records, conduct employee evaluations, approve or disapprove work, discipline, promote or hire and fire employees under constraints outlined in the Grayling Charter Township Employee Policy Manual. The superintendent may delegate such duties as necessary, but shall not ask employees to perform duties which the superintendent will not perform within his/her professional or physical capabilities. Although the superintendent shall not sign legal documents and contracts, he/she may be asked to write such documents with the aid or approval of the township attorney.

3. **Zoning Administrator** - The superintendent will be the front line for persons wishing to comply or vary from the dictates of the Grayling Charter Township Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance 2010-02), and as such, will issue written zoning determinations for the public, and prepare zoning applications for the zoning board of appeals (ZBA) and the planning commission (PC). The superintendent will attend, participate with expert testimony, and record the minutes of both of these committees, but will not be a voting member. The superintendent will work closely with the members of the ZBA and PC to develop new ordinances and update existing ordinances. The superintendent will also work with the Crawford County Planning Commission to maintain an up-to-date master plan which includes the goals and objectives of Grayling Township.

4. **Ordinance Enforcement Officer** - The superintendent will work closely with the assistant zoning administrator (if applicable), assistant ordinance enforcement officer (if applicable), the general public, the township attorney, and other local and state law enforcement agencies to ensure compliance with township ordinances. In addition, the superintendent will represent the township in ordinance enforcement cases which may be adjudicated in the local, state or federal court systems.

5. **Property Manager** - The superintendent will serve as the manager of all township property, both real and personal, and as such will be responsible for property preservation, repair and maintenance of all property, buildings, vehicles, fixtures, equipment, appliances and tools.

6. **Project Manager** - The superintendent will have charge of the design, construction and implementation of all township projects, as determined by the board, both large and small. This task could include searching for and writing and coordinating public or private grants.

7. - The superintendent, working with all board members and department heads, will create the annual township general fund budget, township improvement budget, and liquor law enforcement budget, according to state mandates and best practices, and further, will ensure each budget complies with GASB-34 financial reporting requirements.

8. **Purchasing Agent** - The superintendent will serve as the township purchasing agent for all purchases large and small.

9. **Economic Development Director** - The superintendent will work with all other persons and agencies to promote the economic growth which will ensure the health, safety and general welfare of the residents of the township. The superintendent will work to develop and initiate business attraction and retention programs.

10. **Legislative Liaison** - The superintendent will be knowledgeable of state and federal laws applicable to township government and maintain close ties with the Michigan Townships Association Legislative Liaison to report to the township board on current issues.

11. **Press Liaison** - The superintendent will contact, coordinate and prepare all news events and press releases as appropriate and will represent the township in all public relations situations.

12. **Public Representative** - The superintendent will represent Grayling Charter Township to the public through individual office contact, as a field representative throughout the township, and as a member of joint boards and committees throughout the community which serve to improve the township, or the community as a whole.

13. **Life-long Learner** - The superintendent will make every effort to improve his/her professional skills as a township representative through the various educational opportunities which arise.

14. **Other Duties** - The superintendent is required to perform all other duties as assigned by the Grayling Charter Township Board of Trustees, or tasks which are required under the duties already assigned.

15. **Hours of Work** - The superintendent will be expected to work a minimum of 35-hours per week, which may include special functions or meetings before or after normal business hours, and occasional times during weekends. Normal business hours are 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

C. Township Provisions for a Successful Superintendent

Grayling Township will provide the following to aid the successful mission of the Grayling Charter Township Superintendent:

1. An office within the Grayling Township Offices with normal office amenities, including computer, phone, supplies, etc.
2. An annual stipend of \$1,500, plus appropriate travel, lodging, and meal expenses for the purpose of professional education.
3. In most situations, a township vehicle will be available for daily use, but township vehicles must be shared with all departments, as needed.
4. The township will provide a salary and benefit package as described in the Superintendent's Contract for Employment.

Section 4, SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY

The position of Grayling Charter Township Superintendent, as appointed by the Grayling Charter Township Board of Trustees, and as of the effective date of this ordinance, shall be \$_____NEGOTIABLE_____ per fiscal year (April 1 through March 31), and all benefits standard to all other fulltime employees of Grayling Charter Township will apply to the superintendent.

Section 5, SUPERVISOR'S DUTIES AND SALARY

The duties of the position of supervisor, either appointed or elected, shall be limited to those duties which cannot be delegated, and are defined and described within Chapter 42 of Public Act 359 of 1947 (as amended) of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

The salary for the position of supervisor, either appointed or elected in compliance with Michigan law, as of the effective date of this ordinance shall be \$_____3,600_____ per fiscal year (April 1 through March 31), with benefits standard to all other Grayling Charter Township elected officials as determined by the Grayling Charter Township Board of Trustees.

Section 6, SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable, and if any clause, sentence, word, section or provision is declared void or unenforceable for any reason by any court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect any other portion of this ordinance.

Section 7, EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall become effective on Friday, October 28, 2011, but only after proper adoption by the Grayling Charter Township Board of Trustees, and public notification through the proper social media, as required by law.

Public Land Auction

The following County Treasurers will be offering tax-reverted real estate at public Auction on October 5th, 2011: Ogemaw, Roscommon, Crawford, Oscoda, & Alcona

The Auction will be held at the AuSable Valley Inn and Conference Center, 2650 I-75 Business Loop, Grayling, MI
Registration at 11:00am, Auction will start at 12:00pm.

Online bidding will be available via www.tax-sale.info.

For more information or for a list of properties being sold, visit our website at www.tax-sale.info or call 1-800-259-7470. Sale listings are available at your local County Treasurers Office.

SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP ZONING DEPARTMENT

Public Notice to Residents Within 300 Feet

South Branch Township residents be notified that the Zoning Board of Appeals will be holding a **Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the South Branch Township Hall at 5245 N. M-18, Roscommon**, to hear the following case:

SBT2BA12

Owner: Charles D. & Barbara D. Dobis
1070 Glenhaven Avenue
East Lansing, MI 48823

Property Address: Parcel C, Brook Trout Ridge
Grayling, MI 49738
Parcel #063-032-002-080-03

The Petitioner is requesting a variance in setback from the River.

Text and maps may be examined at the South Branch Township Office during business hours, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to Noon

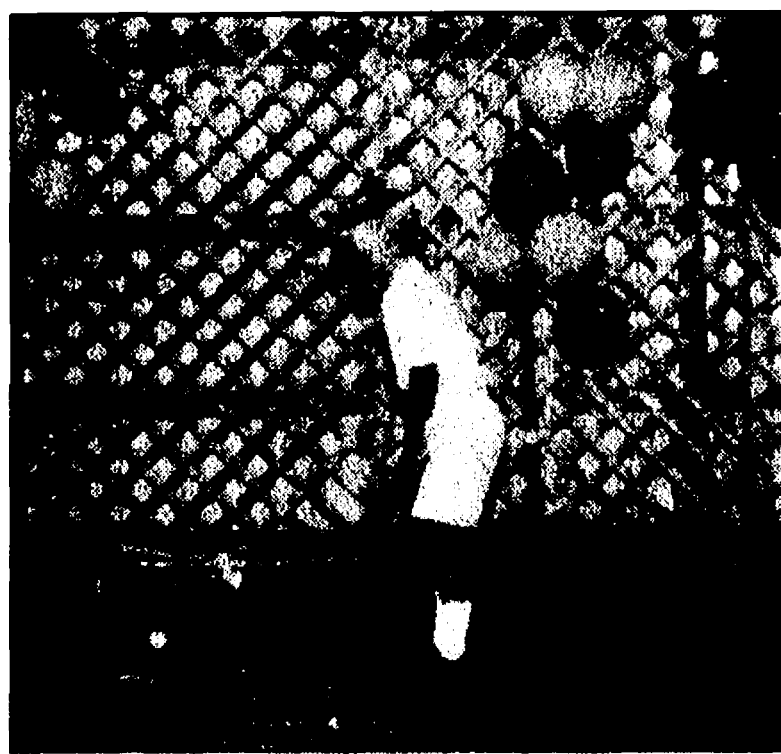
Correspondence concerning this request should be directed to South Branch Zoning Administrator, P.O. Box 606, Roscommon, MI 48653. Phone (989) 275-8232

Phil Verdui
Zoning Administrator
South Branch Township

Features

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A Look At Our Past FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



August 25, 1988 - Gary Mott won the Little Mr. Title age 4 - 6. He is the son of Jim and Cheryl Mott. He demonstrated golfing techniques.

23 Years Ago August 25, 1988

Chemical contamination has been found in ground water samples taken from monitor wells at the Grayling Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Field Office, located on Michigan Avenue. The contamination was discovered in July of 1987 following the removal of an underground storage tank used to store gasoline.

The Crawford County Courthouse herring project will cost county taxpayers less than 5 percent of the architect's initial estimate.

A Crawford County 4-H member has been chosen as one of four youths to spend a year in Japan as part of a 4-H international exchange program. Jim Boone, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Boone, of Grayling, will leave Michigan in September to spend a year living with several Japanese families and working with staff members of LABO, a Japanese youth organization that encourages children to develop international interests through stories, songs and travel.

46 Years Ago August 26, 1965

Shaving six-tenths of one second off the old marathon mark of 16 hours, 11 minutes set in 1960 by Ed Wojhan of Tawas and Sanford McQuire of Mikado, the favored team of Ralph Sawyer of Oscoda and Irwin "Buzz" Peterson of Minneapolis, Minn., won their third AuSable Valley Canoe Race. This 18th running of the canoe classic marked the sixth win for Sawyer who combined with other partners to win three races as well as the three now with Peterson.

The Grayling Public Schools are to open on Tuesday, Sept. 7. Eleven new teachers have been added to the staff. Six will replace teachers who have left and five will fill new positions.

The house built by Richard Gildner in Karen Woods has been sold to Arthur and Doris DeClair, formerly of Rose City, who have moved into their new home. Mr. DeClair, who has been with the Conservation Department for 20 years, and was formerly stationed at the Rifle River Fisheries Research station, has been transferred to Grayling and is an assistant to Dr. Leonard Allison.

A small brick building at the AuSable River south bank near the Cedar Street bridge is a new gauge station erected by the U.S.

Department of the Interior, Geological Survey to replace the old wood structure and make it more in keeping with the new county library. The gauge station enables the department to keep a record of the height and temperature of the river at the point.

69 Years Ago August 27, 1942

Paul Hendrickson, who resigned recently as bookkeeper for Hunter's AuSable Dairy and enlisted in the Army, has arrived at Camp Wallace, Texas and is undergoing basic training in the Anti-aircraft Replacement Training Center.

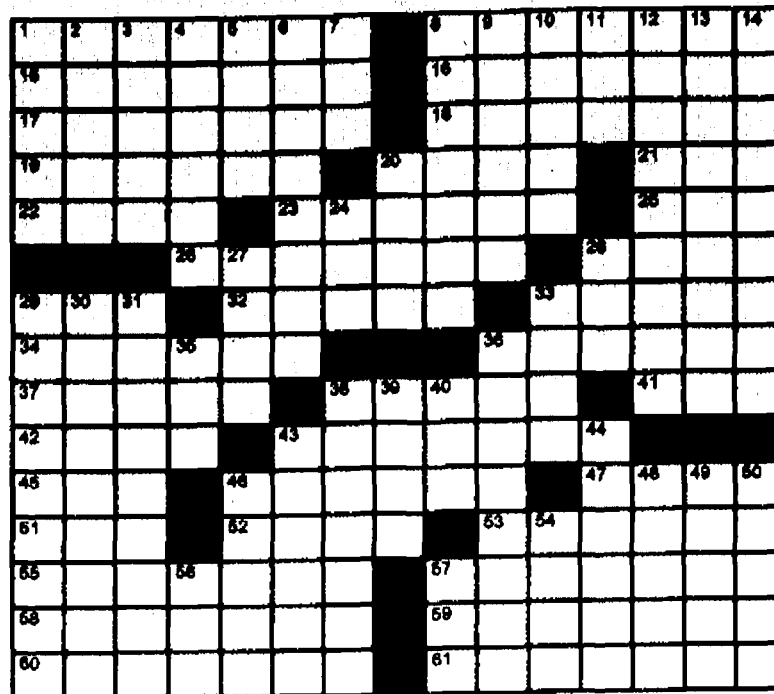
Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Pippo and son, Gary, have moved to Pigeon where Mr. Pippo has accepted a position in the school there.

Wednesday evening the entire Feldhauser families gathered at the Maple Forest Township Hall for a farewell dinner for the three Feldhauser boys who entered the service.

92 Years Ago August 28, 1919

Nels Michelson of Grayling has rented the Wallis Cogswell ranch buildings for the coming winter and will conduct lumbering operations on at least some of the three to four thousand acres belonging to him.

CROSSWORD



Across

1. Stanza with irregular lines
8. Linked sequentially
15. More crazy
16. Greek
17. Innermost layer of vein (pl.)
18. Nonmetamorphosing salamander
19. Frenzied woman
20. 750 herrings
21. Beta Kappa
22. "or" or "and"
23. "Oohing and"
25. Barbarian
26. Cache
28. Audio equipment corporation
29. "Casablanca" pianist
32. Like saltwater taffy
33. Leg bone
34. Lozenge
36. Begone
37. 4:1, e.g.
38. Buckwheat pancakes
41. "Act your"!
42. Eastern pooh-bah
43. Medieval trumpet
45. -eyed
46. Hot spots
47. During
51. Genetic info (acronym)
52. Be inclined
53. Personify
55. Most supple
57. Fixed
58. God, with "the"
59. Vocalizer
60. Afferent
61. Ones who require

Down

1. Gunk
2. language, e.g. Chinese
3. Lyres
4. Conjectures
5. Cotton fabric
6. Migraine
7. "... he drove out of sight"
8. Alms
9. Petroleum solvent
10. Beside
11. "say!"
12. Fear of novelty
13. Causing excitement
14. Sketch
20. Prepare to swallow
24. "we having fun yet?"
27. Bounce back, in a way
28. Life story (abbrev.)
29. Favors both sides of issue
30. Polymorph of calcite
31. Worn out, i.e. jacket
33. Beethoven's "Archduke" (acronym)
36. Cordial
38. Tactlessly
39. Capture
40. Bank offering, for short
43. Kind of salad
44. Picked up
46. Court figure (abbrev.)
48. Wavelike design
49. Do-nothing
50. One who colors fabrics (pl.)
54. Buddy
56. "48" (abbrev.)
57. Center of our solar system

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ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS



HOROSCOPES

Week of August 21, 2011



December 22 - January 19

A young relative is not doing as well as they could. Step in, Capricorn, and give them a hand. Changes in procedure at work get a project back on track.



March 21 - April 19

Stick it up, Aries. You may be tired, but you're almost there. Just a few more steps and your dream will be reality. An old school classmate roots you on.



June 22 - July 22

Illness strikes but fades away quickly. Productivity lags. Take a break to clear your head. Cancer. A conversation at home reveals a need that only you can fulfill.



September 23 - October 22

Poor Libra. So much has changed you don't know what to do. Turn to a trusted friend for advice. Pleas for more help around the house do not go unheard.



January 20 - February 18

Technical difficulties doom a project from the start. Take a breather, Aquarius, and look outside of your organization for help. A letter bears great news.



April 20 - May 20

Family matters make for a trying but satisfying week. Taurus. Creative solutions will emerge, compromises will be made and peace will reign once again.



July 23 - August 22

Youngsters clamor for your attention. Make time for them, Leo. A report receives glowing reviews from all involved. Celebrate with family.



October 23 - November 21

Doggone it, Scorpio. Vacation plans fall through again. Perhaps it's the planning that's the problem. Wing it the first chance you get and see what happens.



February 19 - March 20

Charitable contributions start the week off right. Work to keep the momentum going, Pisces. A family heirloom returns where it belongs.



May 21 - June 21

You're tiptoed around someone long enough. Step up and tell them what you think, Gemini. Their bark is worse than their bite. An auto problem is fixed.



August 23 - September 22

Stand back and prepare to be amazed, Virgo. A colleague makes an important discovery, which will ultimately help you and everyone else on the team.



November 22 - December 21

Skipping a step is not a good idea, Sagittarius. You may be short on time, but thoroughness could mean the difference between success and failure.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

Open: Everyday - 10am to 3pm

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WE'RE OVERLOADED! The animal shelter is currently very full of animals in need of loving homes, just like yours. Help these very adoptable pets find homes, adopt today! Visit our website for more information.



Puppies!

There are still sweet Black Lab/Hound mix puppies available for adoption at the shelter. Two handsome males and one beautiful female 8 week old puppies are waiting for new homes. They have been wormed, had first shots and are micro chipped. For more information please call the shelter at (989)348-4117

Visit us at: www.ausablevalleyanimalshelter.org

AuSable Valley Animal Shelter

5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling

Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgrounds

After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

For more pets or more information, visit our website www.asscpetfinder.com

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



DUTCH BOY PANCAKE

Ingredients:

2 Tbsp. butter or margarine
1/2 cup flour
1/4 tsp. salt
1/2 cup milk
3 eggs

4 oz. (1/2 of 8-oz. pkg.) Cream Cheese, softened
1/2 cup Marshmallow Creme
1 cup sliced strawberries
2 medium peaches, peeled, sliced
1 cup blueberries

Directions:

PREHEAT oven to 450°F. Add butter to 9-inch pie plate; heat in oven until melted. Tilt pie plate to evenly coat bottom and side with butter. Beat flour, salt, milk and eggs with wire whisk until well blended; pour into pie plate. Place on lowest oven rack.

BAKE 18 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 350°F. Bake an additional 10 minutes or until golden brown. Meanwhile, beat cream cheese and marshmallow cream with electric mixer on medium speed until well blended.

FILL pancake with fruit; top with the cream cheese mixture. Serve immediately.

Special Extra

Toss fruit with 1 Tbsp. Kirsch (cherry brandy). Let stand 30 minutes before spooning into hot baked pancake.

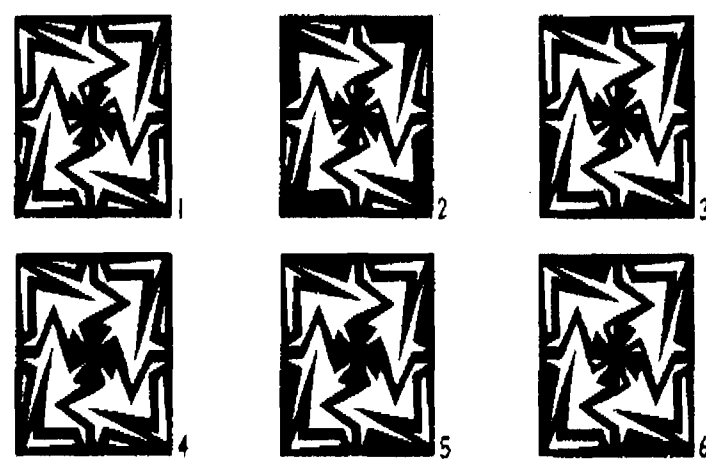
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Cook Time: 28 mins

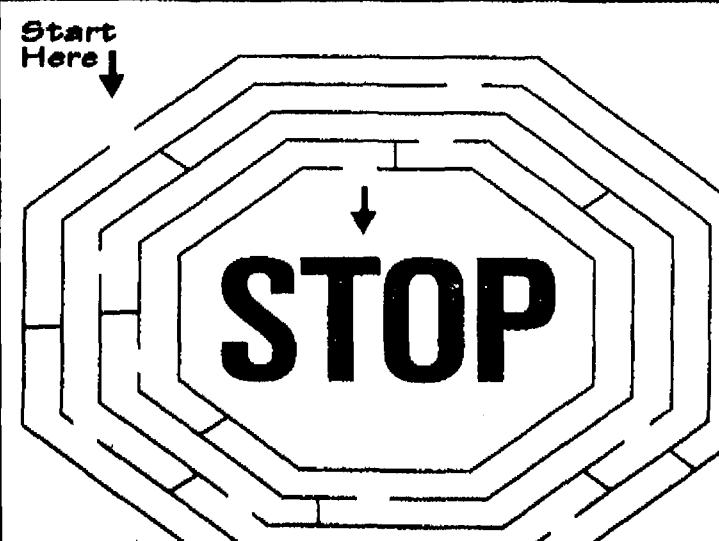
Serves: 4

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1. Real Estate

NICE 3 - 4 BEDROOM ranch on a beautiful 20 acres. Property also includes a guest house/rental. Go to www.graylinghouseforsale.weebly.com for more details or call 989-344-8046. (LR9/29/11/1)

FOR SALE 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, living, fireplace, kitchen, dining, den, office/computer room, basement, attached garage, large detached workshop. Double corner lot, Grayling Twp, near hospital, school, library, bike trail. For appointment call 989-348-0187. Leave message. (-25/1)

HOUSE FOR SALE 2-3 bedrooms, 2 full baths. 586-446-0004, 586-713-7500. (-2/8/10/1/1)

DANISH LANDING RD., deeded lake access, 2,000 sq. feet, \$229,000. Call 348-9726 or 390-2418. (-4-11-18-25/1)

3 BEDROOM HOME newly remodeled, all appliances included. Large lot in Karen Woods subdivision. Sell on land contract or rent with a 1 year minimum lease. \$550 per month, \$600 security deposit. Please call 989-387-1161 or 734-777-7950. (-18-25/1)

1974 MANUFACTURED HOME completely furnished, Lake Helen Villa, Fla., Close to Orlando and Daytona Beach. 2 bedrooms with 2 baths, split bedroom plan. Ready to move in. Lovely bright Florida room, screen porch, additional office. Call 386-898-5789. (-18-25-1/1)

SHARP 3 BEDROOM HOME located at 6315 Old Lake Rd., Grayling. 1 1/2 bath, newer roof, well, water heater and paint. Land contract terms \$51,000. Call owner at 989-742-4371 or 989-390-4611. (-25-1-8-15/1)

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1. Real Estate

Recently Foreclosed, Special Financing Available, Any Credit, Any Income
3BD 1 BTH, 840SqFT,
 located at 600 Madsen St., Grayling,
 \$12,500
Visit:
www.roselandco.com/9CY
 Drive by then call
 (866)924-8348

Recently Foreclosed, Special Financing Available, Any Credit, Any Income
 Vacant Land, located at
 4772 Marl Lake Rd.,
 Roscommon,
 \$7,500
Visit:
www.roselandco.com/8A1
 Drive by then call
 (866)957-4918

2. For Rent

MONTHLY HOME RENTALS near Grayling, Houghton Lake, Roscommon and Higgins Lake. 2 and 3 bedroom. Higgins North Property Services, 989-821-3434. (-1/13/11/1/2)

CLOSE TO TOWN efficiency cabin. \$375 per month, \$375 security, \$50 cleaning fee. Utilities not included. No pets. 348-5124. (-25/2)

COMMERCIAL BUILDING FOR RENT 6251 M-72 West, 1/2 mile from city. Large parking lot, 840 sq. ft., suitable for office, retail, beauty shop, \$550 month. 989-348-4716. (-4/28/11/1/2)

FOR RENT 2 BEDROOM 2nd story apartment located in town, \$550 per month. To apply call 989-710-1194 or 989-370-2745. (-7/21/11/1/2)

NICE SINGLE WIDE west of town, available after Aug. 15. No smoking or pets. 231-342-9726. (-18-25/2)

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2. For Rent

Grayling Pines Apartments

Grayling Pines Apartments is currently accepting applications for 1-and 2-bedroom apartments. Income-based rent is available. Apartments feature walk-in closets, air conditioning and open living areas and private patios/balconies. Rent includes heat, domestic hot water and more. For more information, or to tour the property, please call (989)344-0020. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD 1-800-649-3777

WHISPERING PINES APARTMENTS Whispering Pines Apartments is currently accepting applications for 1-and 2-bedroom apartments. We are accepting applications for Seniors 62 years of age and older and Handicap/Disabled persons, regardless of age. Income-based rent is available. Apartments feature walk-in closets, air conditioning and open living areas. Rent includes heat, domestic hot water and more. For more information, or to tour the property, please call (989)344-0020. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD 1-800-649-3777

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 (866)957-4918

2. For Rent

VIKING VILLAGE APARTMENTS is now accepting applications for current availability. Very nice two bedroom, two bath apartments approximately one mile west of Grayling off M-72. Units in this quiet community include central air conditioning, attached garage, paved lighted streets and driveways, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer and dryer. Lawn care, snow removal, and garbage pickup included in the annual lease. Utilities are not included but these units are very energy efficient. Contact Herb Olson, at 989-348-9456, for more information or to schedule a tour. (-8/4/11/1/2)

3 BEDROOM HOME completely remodeled, non smoking only. 207 Scott St., \$610. 348-2178. (-8/11/11/1/2)

FOR RENT 3 BEDROOM mobile, \$525/month, \$525 deposit, no pets. Call 989-348-2466 or 989-390-5425. (-8/25/11/1/2)

2a. Want To Rent

VETERANS AFFAIRS WANTS TO LEASE SPACE

The Department of Veterans Affairs desires to lease up to 9,900 rentable square footage to yield at least 8,600 usable square feet inside/outside the City of Grayling, MI, for use as a Community Based Outpatient Clinic. The space must be on no more than 1 floor and can be provided by existing space or modification of existing space. On-site parking for 50 vehicles is required. This will be a full-service lease for a base period of five (5) years, plus five (5) option years. Property must be contiguous. The property may be outside the City Limits of Grayling, but space within or fronting on the following boundaries will be considered:

NORTH: Hartwick Pines Rd. & US-75 Intersection
 SOUTH: Sharon Rd., Camp Grayling
 EAST: N. Wilcox Bridge Rd.
 WEST: Arrowhead Rd. & M-72 Intersection

Offers must provide evidence that properties are outside the 100 year flood plain. Please provide the following in your package:

- 1) Site location / Physical location of property,
- 2) Property description,
- 3) Total square footage
- 4) Site condition,
- 5) Floor plans if available,
- 6) Pictures.

Interested offerors (owners, brokers or their legal representative) should submit specific information (e-mail preferred) concerning their properties to: Chris Gundy (VA Contracting Officer) at the following address no later than 4:30 pm, September 9th, 2011.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
 VISA 11 CONTRACT SERVICE CENTER
 ATTN: CHRIS GUNDY
 5500 Armstrong Road
 Battle Creek, MI 49037
 269-223-6450, ext. 36450
 e-mail: Christopher.Gundy@va.gov

The Government is limited by law (40 USC 278a, as Amended 10-1-81) to pay no more than the appraised fair rental value for space.

Please note: This advertisement is not a solicitation for offers, nor is it a request for proposals. A solicitation for offers may be issued by the Department of Veterans Affairs at a later date.

3. Employment

MERCY HOME CARE MERCY HOSPICE

HOSPICE NURSE PRACTITIONER

Come join our company!! We are in need of a Nurse Practitioner for our growing hospice. Responsibility is to make face-to-face visits/assessments of hospice patients under all levels of hospice care. The practitioner will collaborate with the members of the Interdisciplinary Team to assess client eligibility for hospice and provide intervention recommendations. This position is part-time with some benefits available.

Candidate must be a graduate from an accredited college with a degree in Masters prepared nursing. A minimum of 5 years experience, and preferable clinical nursing experience in hospice, oncology, geriatrics or intensive care. Excellent interpersonal skills with emphasis on grief and loss management. For further credentialing details contact the office.

Please apply today at:
www.trinityhomehealth.com
 or call Brenda Lake 989-344-4402

Mercy Home Care is committed to the Mission and Values as set forth by Trinity Health. Mercy Home Care is committed to achieving workforce diversity and is an equal opportunity employer.

2. For Rent

FREDERIC RENTAL - 3 BEDROOM, 1.5 bath, appliances, Pets OK, large garage, no smoking, \$700. 231-585-7058. (-18-25/2)

ONE BEDROOM HOUSE, 204 Lawndale St. Range, refrigerator, no pets \$375 a month plus security deposit, tenant pays utilities. Outside storage shed. 989-348-4716. (-8/18/11/1/2)

FOR RENT 2 BEDROOM house near Higgins Lake. Clean and ready for rent \$525 per month and \$525 security deposit. 989-821-6081. (-18-25/2)

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2a. Want To Rent

2. For Rent

ONE BEDROOM on the Ausable in town, \$390 a month plus utilities and references. 231-599-2895 or 231-675-1619. (8/25/11/1/2)

1200 SQUARE FEET 2 bedroom with garage and basement available for rent in Grayling. \$600 per month. Walking distance from elementary school. Possible land contract with \$5,000 down. 989-275-8644. (-25-1/2)

3 BEDROOM HOUSE 2 full baths, den, sun room, 2 car garage, work shop, close to town. \$750 down, \$900/month. Call Dennis, 989-390-1264. (-25/2)

3. Employment



MERCY HOME CARE MERCY HOSPICE

REGULATED SERVICES COORDINATOR

Come join our company!! We are in need of a part time Regulated Services Coordinator.

This position reports to the Business Manager. The Regulated Services Coordinator works as a collaborative team member to assist in office functions and schedule caregiver services in a manner that provides a high level of customer satisfaction. Requires the ability to perform a variety of duties characterized by frequent change.

Candidate must be able to multi-task and work within time constraints and deadlines. One to two years of scheduling experience is required, preferably in a home care setting. Must possess interpersonal skills sufficient to interact effectively with clients and their families, as well as caregivers, peers, subordinates, supervisors, referral sources, divisional personnel and the public.

Part time benefits included, details at interview.

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Northern Lakes COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH

Northern Lakes CMH is seeking individuals for the following positions. These positions provide community based services to individuals/families with a multi-disciplinary team. Previous computer and clinical experience is required. Must strongly believe in recovery and have a commitment to creating and maintaining a culture that expects recovery. Must be able to display a high level of confidentiality.

Outpatient Therapist: Provide direct clinical services to severely and persistently mentally ill adults using a variety of intervention techniques including individual and group therapies, case consultation and coordination. Provide initial assessments for adults in the Grayling and Houghton lake Offices. Provide direct crisis intervention services to registered and non-registered clients during daytime clinic hours and as part of an after-hours on-call rotation.. Location: Grayling and Houghton Lake

Homeless Prevention Assistant: Provide coordination of services for persons with serious mental illness, with or without a co-occurring substance abuse issue, who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness. Work under the direction of the Homeless Prevention Coordinator, in conjunction with the client, case manager, and/or community service provider to develop an individualized plan to resolve the current homeless episode or prevent one from occurring. Services will include assessment, planning, linking, monitoring and advocacy on behalf of the client. Provide coordination of services primarily in Crawford and Roscommon counties. Will actively participate in community consultation and collaboration, and in the implementation and evaluation of programs of the Northern Lakes Community Mental Health Services Board. Location: Grayling

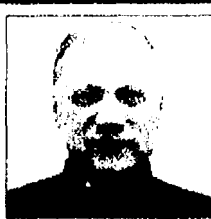
Infant Mental Health Specialist: Provide In Home services to infants and Toddlers with identified disabilities and developmental delays. Qualifications: Masters Degree in Social Work, Psychology or Nursing preferred. Bachelors Degree in Social Work or Nursing considered Licensure with State of Michigan required. Location: Cadillac, Grayling or Houghton Lake

For further educational and licensing requirements and further position information please visit www.northernlakescmh.org Send cover letter and resume to HR@nlcmh.org or to Human Resources, Northern Lakes CMH, 105 Hall St., Ste A, Traverse City, MI 49684

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 Cell (989)390-7492

Sales Up The Month of July! Crawford County reported 13 house sales this July, with an average sale price of \$134,415. This is up from last July's 10 home sales with an average of \$111,785. Sales information from Water Wonderland Board of Realtors.

NORTHERN LAKES

403 East Michigan Avenue • Grayling

PROFESSIONAL GROOMER NEEDED
Experienced groomers only. Call or stop by The Happy Dog Paw, 208 E. Michigan Ave. 989-348-8437. (-7/28/11/t/d/3)

LOOKING TO DO SOMETHING meaningful with your life? Looking for people for in-home help; assisting with daily living skills, Dr's appointments, socialization, shopping and light housekeeping. Must have a valid driver's license with less than three violations and be able to pass a criminal background check. Training provided, experience a plus. Starting pay \$8.33 per hour. EOE. Need someone for the Grayling area, part time/ full time. Apply online at www.northernmanagement.org or call 989-732-6374. (-25/3)

NEED JOB OR SUPPLEMENT one? This is no scheme. If you love candles, accessories and gourmet food, let me show you how to earn a great salary. This is a real opportunity. Call me, Donna at 989-915-1444 or 989-745-3198, after 6 p.m. (-11-18-25-1/3)

HELP WANTED IMMEDIATE OPENING for Certified Mechanic. Please send resume to SNJ, P.O. Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738. (-18-25/3)

3. Employment

BOUGHTON LAKE STORE is seeking a dependable individual for retail sales position, marketing, light warehouse duties, on sight measuring and deliveries. Please send resume to SBQ, P.O. Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738. (-18-25/3)

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS Customer service agents wanted. Great weekly pay. Immediate openings. Call for job information and interview now. 866-949-5755. (-25/3)

PART TIME WAREHOUSE HELP Must have valid drivers license and be dependable. To request an application please e-mail: jeanneparkinson@frontier.com (-25/3)

KITCHEN ASSISTANT The Crawford County Commission on Aging is accepting applications for a part-time Kitchen Assistant who prepares and serves meals at the Senior Center and a Kitchen Assistant who provides coverage for full time cooks. Flexible schedule (-25-9/3)

4. Services Offered

GAMBLING PROBLEMS? Call Grace Center for help, 989-348-2544. (-6/10/10/t/4)

3. Employment

Retail Sales Associate

- Basic Communications Inc, a leading telecommunications firm is looking for an enthusiastic & aggressive Retail Sales Associate for its Grayling Retail Store. Hourly + commission position requires sales experience. Accepting full time applicants. Job requires extensive customer service & a desire to succeed based on sales performance. Knowledge of Cellular Phones and Satellite TV will enhance the opportunity for success. Apply in person at 2370 S. I-75 Business Loop (Grayling Mini Mall), questions direct to Scott 989-390-2930 or email to Shartman@basiccom.com or go online at basiccommunications.com



MUNSON HOME HEALTH

MUNSON HEALTHCARE

HELP DESK SPECIALIST - Grayling

Munson has a full time opening for Help Desk Specialist that will cover calls for the Grayling area. Candidates should have at least 4 years of Information Systems experience or Associate's Degree in Systems, Computer Science or Business. Personal computer system hardware and software experience is necessary. A+ Certification highly desired. Interested candidates can apply on-line at www.munsonhealthcare.org

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Grayling - Full Time - Physical Therapist

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- Independent and flexible schedule
- Ability to see results in patients in their environment
- Challenging career

Candidate will have a Physical Therapist license with the State of Michigan and references. Reliable transportation and the ability to act upon client needs without direct supervision is a must.

Willing to travel in our geographic region. Minimum of one year experience in rehabilitation and chronic disabilities. Excellent Benefits. New grads welcome to apply!

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FALL & WINTER DISCOUNT Call now for free estimate on interior and exterior or paint/stain. Pro Paint Co. 989-619-9874. (-25-1-8/15/5)

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D. HAWES / Driver's Training: Northern Driving School will be offering classes year-round in Grayling and surrounding areas. The only local driving school in Crawford and Roscommon counties. Segment I \$275, Segment II \$40. 989-344-2470. (05/22/08/t/4)

LIFE PROBLEMS getting you down? Call GRACE Center, 989-348-2544. (3/19/09/t/4)

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3. Employment



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THERE IS STILL TIME to clean your windows! For a free estimate, call Victor from J & A Clean Windows at 989-390-3984. Commercial, residential, locally owned & insured. (-18-25-1/4)

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5. For Sale

SCHWINN 26" ladies Clear Creek bike; gift from Oprah, \$130. Welch - Allyn digital BP gauge OSZS automatic, \$30. Both new. 348-8618. (-25/5)

CABIN LOGS rough sawn lumber, kiln dried lumber, tongue & groove, log siding, custom sawing. T. Warren Sawmill. 989-619-0840. (LR9/29/11/5)

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5. For Sale

POLE BUILDINGS & GARAGES Winter Special - 24x40x10 before the snow flies. Featuring Ultra 2000 with a 45 year warranty. Call for a free estimate 1-800-541-3974. Tom's Pole Buildings, 4050 Industrial Dr., Harrison. (-28-12-26-9-23-14-28-11-25-8/5)

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2005 JAYCO POP-UP camper. Excellent condition, 3 way refrigerator, gas furnace, stove, awning. \$5,400. 989-348-8037. (-18-25/sgt/5)

12 FOOT ALUMINUM fishing boat, aluminum oars, 4 horse Evinrude motor, heavy duty tilt trailer with new tires and rims. Class A motor home with 4000 watt ONAN generator, older model, excellent condition. 745-5755. (-25-1/5)

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SHITZU-POO female only, shots and wormed \$300. Dachshund, female only, shots and wormed \$200. Call 989-701-5535. (-25-1-8/5)

FLOOR LAMPS table lamps, flower vase. 24% Zaijacar lead crystal. \$350/all. 344-1395 (-25-1/5)

6. Wanted

BUYING SCRAP METAL All grades. SMR 989-275-6041. (10/16/08/t/6)

WANTED Junk vehicles, will haul, Paying cash. Call Gene at Wakeley's Auto Parts, 989-348-5079. (LR11/24/11/6)

WANTED CARPENTER or lumber to build new road sign. 989-348-7681. (-18-25/6)

5. For Sale



Pioneer Hills Marine is having a mid-summer Clearance Sale. Stop in & save on new Harris FloteBote, Kawasaki & Sea Ray. Save up to \$3,500 instantly!

Pioneer Hills Marine is located at 10914 N. cut Rd., Roscommon, MI 48653. On the Northeast side of beautiful Higgins Lake. Visit us on the web at www.Pioneerhills.com 989-275-5175



Patrick from France, 17 yrs. Loves the outdoors and playing soccer. Patrick's dream has been to spend time in America learning about our customs and attending American high school.



Elisa from Italy, 16 yrs. Likes to play tennis, swim, loves to dance. Elisa hopes to play American softball and learn American "slang" while in the USA.

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Miscellaneous

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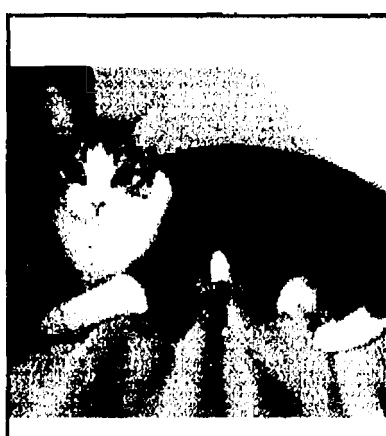
SAVE THIS DATE October 1. It is time to do your early Christmas shopping. Fall Arts and Crafts Show, Grayling Primary School. Presented by the Grayling Promotional Association. (-25/18)

COMMUNITY CALENDAR Place your organization's events on Crawford County's Community Calendar. Go to crawfordcountyavalanche.com, under services, to submit your event. For more information, call our office at 989-348-6811. (-3/19/09/1/8)

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7. Miscellaneous



THE FUN BUFFET Make your own tacos, hot dogs, nachos, burritos and burgers at Grayling Big Boy, includes SSB. Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m. - 8 p.m., \$8.99. (-7/21/11/1/8)

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DEB'S HOMEMADE GOODIES sold at Flowers by Josie/Thanks a Latte. A special treat for the gourmet lovers - uptown Grayling, 212 Michigan Ave., 348-4006. (-8/4/11/1/8)

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7. Miscellaneous

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8. Announcements

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DNR HUNTER EDUCATION Grayling Sportsman's Club starts Wed., Sept. 7. Call 348-1202 to enroll. (-25-1/8)

MENS BOWLING LEAGUE MEETING Tuesday August 30, 7:00 pm, Legion Lanes. New teams and bowlers welcome. (-25/8)

10. Garage Sale

GARAGE SALE 873 Little John, Thurs. and Fri., 9-6. Lots of clean baby girl items. (-25/10)

EVERY WEEKEND till gone garage sale. 11-6. New stuff added daily. Rain or shine. Lots of stuff inside the house. 888 East m-72. (-25/10)

3 FAMILY YARD SALE 10298 Battalion Blvd., Fri. 26 and Sat., 27, 9 - 4. Furniture, tools, home decor, kids toys and clothes, Prestis kitchen, kids bedding, toddler bed, boat motor and lots more. (-25/10)

EPIC SALE: We're combining households to be thrifty. Stop by Sat & Sun, Aug 27 & 28, 10:00-5:00, you may find something nifty!! 6324 Old Lake Road (-25/10)

AUGUST 26, 8-6 August 27, 8-4. 7072 W. Four Mile Rd. Air conditioner, golf clubs, household and quilting items. To much to mention. Something for everyone. (-25/10)

YARD SALE drop hitches, Blue Ox tow bar, bar stools, handicap medical equipment, Christmas dishes, moose dishes, Christmas, Halloween, Easter items and lots more. 3130 River Park Drive. North Down River to Wilcox Bridge. Follow signs. Thurs., 12-6, Fri. and Sat., 10-6. (-25/10)

11. Automotive

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FERGUSON'S GARAGE SALE Aug. 26 and 27, 9 - 3. 114 Barbara St., Grayling. Hardware items, clothes, dishes, lamps, a few antiques. (-25/10)

GARAGE SALE Sept. 2, 3, 4, 9 - 4. Act-oxg hoses, gauges, snowmobiles, parts, oil, suits, helmets, boots, drive belts, boat equipment, fishing equipment, some hunting equipment, too many items to mention. M-72, 7 miles west of Grayling, 1174 Goose Creek Rd. (-25-1/10)

GRAYLING SPORTSMAN'S CLUB is having a big yard sale on Friday and Saturday of Labor Day weekend. See ad here next week for details. (-25/10)

GARAGE SALE Furniture, tools, antique 2 man saws, decorative Sumari swords, dishes, etc. Aug. 26 & 27, 9 - 5. 4950 Gemini Lane, Grayling. M-72 East to Wakeley Bridge Rd., left 2 miles. (-25/10)

GARAGE SALE FRIDAY Aug. 26 8-3, 234 Misty Way. Truck tool box, bikes, compound bow, clothes, toys, luggage, pool, fishing items and many other items. (-25/10)

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11. Automotive

GARAGE SALE Aug. 27 & 28, 9 to 5. M-72 East to Wakeley Bridge Rd., 2 1/2 miles to Gemini 1/4 mile. Manual down riggers, Baker Kayka Big Woods storage bins, men's items, women's and men's clothing \$1 a bag, movies, kitchen items and lots more. (-25/10)

COMBINED BUILDER LIQUIDATION & MOVING Auction! Aug. 27, 10 a.m., Perry Creek & M-33, Mio. Furniture, kitchenware, washer/dryer, beer steins, collectibles, shop tools, garage related, dump truck, sky lift, cement mixer, scaffolding, snow thrower, snowmobiles & trailer, quad, coins & much more! View online or call. Lets Talk Auction! 989-848-5158, www.LetsTalkAuction.com. (-25/10)

GARAGE SALE Aug. 26 - 27, 407 Maple, 9-4. Household items, couch, men's and women's clothes, fishing s *tuff, tools. (-25/10)

SALE-ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES Friday & Saturday, August 26 & 27, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Please understand these are not garage sale prices but they are not antique store prices either. Stop by for a look at 5985 Ridgeway Ave. Take M-72 West to Evergreen - by J.J.'s Auto - go to first street on right, watch for signs. In case of rain sale will be Sept. 2 & 3. (-25/10)

GARAGE SALE Thurs/Fri: dump trailer, exercise equipment, stove, water heater, misc. items. 3212 Palmer Place. (-25/10)

11. Automotive

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The Straight Scoop: Digital Hearing Aids Can Significantly Improve Your Quality of Life

The Surgeon General recommends everyone over the age of fifty have their hearing checked at least once a year.

Hearing loss makes life increasingly difficult to interact with friends and loved ones and not just for the person with the loss but many times even more frustrating for the people that are trying to communicate with you. They have to repeat themselves, raise their voices, or take the time to get in front of the hard of hearing person so they can read lips. Yes it's stressful on all concerned.

Vanity and denial - are these the reasons you're not helping yourself hear better? Think of your loved ones and friends. Is it fair to them or you?

If the brain has difficulty understanding speech or you get words confused, please come in and get your hearing checked. The longer you wait, the more time you will spend not understanding their message. Help the folks you communicate with by helping yourself with hearing treatments that can significantly improve the quality of life.

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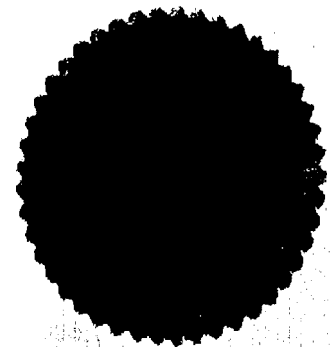
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